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Annual Address, 1920

BY THE PRESIDENT

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am glad to see you again at the close of a year that has been unprecedently free from the disquietudes of War such as we had passed through during the previous five years.

It is strange that the World War opened out in the midst of great progress in education and science. It is to be hoped that the fine talent of the War will be the establishment of a successful international court of "League of Nations" under which humanity will settle the causes of bereaved freedom by a Vote.

We have succeeded in paying off the debt of the Society and hope to be able to recruit by the surroundings upon after business affairs. Calendar begins.

I may say that we have continued as a solid way to advance the interest of the Society during the five to six years of its continued turmoil. We have continually added to the research, previous papers from personal members of the many societies of individual bodies, societies and works, to the value you all enjoy. In what World-war could we have so

done carried out. We secure gems bearing on our subject that we consider worthy of preservation in our Archives, from many outside sources.

I notice the Secretary has found in the house a lot of the materials belonging to the Society. There are a lot sheets of Journals, Photographs, etc. in my possession to be turned in.

We are fortunate in having succeeded to our chair the Merchant Tailor of the Hudson's Bay Company in N. W. J. McKenzie. His experience in the Far-Distant Northern and Southern is very valuable.

I may mention that we will have an Assistant Vice-President, A. L. Fraser, C. E. who has removed back to the old home in Ottawa, for a time at least.

In passing I must refer to the occasional vacancy that has occurred in our social circle in the death of no more esteemed member Mrs. R. H. Gibbon.

I will here to express my sincere thanks to the members who are upholding the good work of the Society and especially to Miss Wade, our Honorary Secretary-Treasurer. PETER MCKELLAR.

MISS M. J. L. BLACK.
SECRETARY TREASURER

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

MISS M. J. BLACK

To the President and Members of the Thunder Bay Historical Society

Sir and Fellow Members:

I have much pleasure in submitting to you the following report for the year 1929—

The outstanding event was the fine payment on the monumental memorial. To our indefatigable president the thanks of the society are entirely due, for this satisfactory closing up of this obligation.

We had two regular meetings, as follows: On December 10, 1928, the gathering was of an informal nature, at which no address was given. On January 28 great interest and attendance was taken from the reading of the diary of the Rev Mr McKerrachar, the first Presbyterian minister to Fort Arthur. This interesting record was given the society by Miss Katherine Dodds, who personally copied it for us from the original in the possession of Mr McKerrachar's daughter. On February 11, and again on May 14, the speaker was Mr C. W. J. Mickenzie, who gave two most delightful addresses on first being "Modern Map reminiscences," and the second "A Personal Account of the Red River Rebellion," being given on account of the 52nd Anniversary celebration in Winnipeg on May 12th. On December 8 a paper was read, the subject being "Tales Through the Ages from the Banks of the Kaministikwia."

We have a yearly Membership of 81, and there has been an average attendance at our meetings, of sixteen.

During the year we lost by death, a valued Member in the person of Mrs. E. J. Cleland. She proved to be greatly missed at our meetings.

Our society is in correspondence as usual with the Historic Landmarks association from whom we have received papers and to whom it has been our privilege to give information of matters here touching.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. J. L. BLACK.
Secretary

THUNDER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Financial Statement for 1929

On hand January 1st	$ 31
Government grant Dec 14	100.00
Mr and Mrs Hamilton	1.00
Dr and Mrs Oliver	1.00
Mr and Mrs F. C. Perry	1.00
Mr and Mrs. Mackenzie	1.00
Mr and Mrs John King	1.00
Mr Fred Pepper	1.00
Miss Kellas	1.00
Miss Black	1.00
Mr James Davidson (donation to museum)	10.00
Mr and Mrs. A. L. Russell	1.00
Miss Van Kleeckrick	1.00
Mrs Scarf	1.00
Mrs Norah Barnard (donation to museum)	10.00
Mr J. Dods (donation to museum)	5.00
Miss Pennylow and Mrs Lay	1.00
Miss Easdon	1.00
Mr. J. J. O'Connor	1.00
	$162.31

Expenditures

Dec 10	
Mrs. D. Gittelsone	26.00
Feb 1	
C. LaCoix	6.70
Times-Journal	6.80
Historic Landmarks association	6.80
Times-Journal	12.52
October 15, 1926,	
Bad n. bank	15.01
	$163.47

M. J. L. BLACK,
Treasurer

REINALD ROSS

Fort William Interests in Smithsonian Institution

By: GAY PAGE. Nov. 1, M Sec'y, Fort William

The Smithsonian Institution Washington, D. C. owes its existence to an Englishman, a chemist, engrossed in the theories of his day. Today it is a valuable member of society who by its observations, researches and experiments, promotes knowledge for men.

The story we remembered these words when, in browsing in the rooms of the Arts Building a press clipping came before the notice of Canadian women writers [illegible] and artists, books and which an Montreal Gazette [illegible] in mention was made of the fact that only one of the two hundred odd members had any research work as qualification for membership. It seems to have the same case concerned, this anything more added as a result of the work a note on the book she had been published in [illegible] the Smithsonian Institution in this direction. On one of the pictures [illegible] of the early activities [illegible] Lacy Sheldon, Dept. of Treasury, as well as in writing press clips. Mr. Anna Maria Richardson knows for sure this one contribution as Miss Cannell [illegible] present at the meeting were deeply interested [illegible] Mrs. Richardson [illegible] to give a brief history of the research work [illegible] the words of the doctor set us to reminiscing and assisted to create a [illegible] picturesque woman with a claim [illegible] to fame. Available sources [illegible] have been [illegible] scientific property for the Washington Institution's record of one of its most valued contributors. In the establishment [illegible] and [illegible] the history and traditions of the North American Indians [illegible] Harvard Research.

In order to give some idea of the value of the [illegible] contribution to the Smithsonian Institution, let me give a short sketch of that branch of research and the other functions.

It was a small city of New York [illegible] Englishman, Earl [illegible] Bennett, who left a bequest to found the Smithsonian Institution. The [illegible] was to be used for the purpose of [illegible] the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." The bequest was accumulated interest and set up a corporation as an institution in 1846. In 1855 the [illegible] was completed and the Institution took over its present building. The Smithsonian as the site for the museum is now known, was [illegible] by two young men, a people who would become good friends of the [illegible]. So he gave his entire fortune to Society by the [illegible] for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men. The

research and philanthropic work but also as a recognition of the services rendered to science by her father.

The Bannermans, and Mr. Wenham, the secretary to the customs and many lawful pleas at Ingersoll, of all the objects of art and of foreign and Arabian manuscripts, and three rolls of Yoku constitute the national museum from the world. The collection is open by Mr. Bone are especially rich in material before geology, paleontology and ethnology of North America. The interesting language and literature fancy Weekly. In her free hours she gives of scientific publications of the day is busily established in 1898 has grown like many of journalistic enterprise, and the museum at Ottawa may be considered the source to which of the Bernard Rose exhibits, is due. Books, for a period of time.

The Autobiography secured for the Smithsonian from Mrs Bernard Rose and compiled by the writer of these articles is to be edited by Mr. Ottawa. The work was written by Mr. Rose, not only letters of Bannerman and the Smithsonian, but a large county of not valuable to science. A complete record book, have rewarded the writer. At the close of the series of Mr Rose which was also a part of the International Archives by Mrs Rose, for the illustration of her established in books, was presented to the Pan-by Secretary Walcott for use in his own work.

Biograph ical Sketch

Rachel Hagar Rose, author and Chief Factor of the Hudsonian Bay Hudson's Bay company was the son of the late James and Elizabeth Rose, and was born at Londonderry Ireland September 6, 1827. He came to Canada to enter the Hudson's Bay Company's employ and was in charge of Mr. Chief Factor Simpson, Governor of the Company who now sits on the knee of his uncle Frank Hagar at Londonderry. He was educated at Foyle college, Londonderry, and was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society England, 1864. Foundation Fellow of the Anthropological Society 1863 corresponding member of the New York Historical Society 1872 president of the Society He is of the Academy of Natural Science at Philadelphia, 1851 corresponding member of the Nassau Literary Society of Montreal He married, in 1860, Christina Ross, daughter of Donald Ross, he manager of Norway House, Keewatin where all the children's Bay Company were born and the eldest son Frank Ross public Mrs George A Graham Fort Whyte Manitoba Canada, Rose whose child born at Fort Simpson, Frank and Donald Rose.

He came to Canada at the age of 18 and took part in the troubles in connection with the Hudson's Bay Company and the struggle between the Company and the Selkirk settlement in the Red River Valley. He became in charge of Norway House, coming in direct contact with Sir John Franklin's Expedition. Norway House he was in 1845. Garry and Winnipeg and made there to Fort Resolution, Great Slave Lake and Athabasca or Peace Mackenzie. He was then given charge of the Lake district of Athabasca Mackenzie River. Under his jurisdiction [illegible] made [illegible] Islands, both which he knew in the 50s and 60s made, and had excelled in matters of archaeological interest. The geological collection he presented to the Smithsonian Institution was the largest, if a museum collection ever presented by a private individual and a [illegible] of Hudson Bay Company from Fort Simpson for [illegible] Smithsonian exhibition in [illegible] Edward Chapman, Montreal, March 24, 1858. Active collection of specimens was carried on during the exhibition in 1862, and for this purpose he was appointed to accept a paragraph of books as a [illegible] in the already [illegible] Archives which he assisted with other officials and servants of the Hudson's Bay Company.

He died in Toronto, Ontario, June 6, 1874, and is survived by his wife and children home is in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and by his daughter Mary Annabella (Mrs George A Graham) Fort Whyte, Man. by whom he was a Hagar and daughter of the long can church

Mrs Rose [illegible] prose was free by Mary Page in the December number of the Thunder Bay historical society 1890.

across, and one of the Indian
Bureau, two of whom must be resi-
dents of the city of Washington and
four of different states of the Union.
The secretary of the Smithsonian
and of the Board of Regents is also
the secretary of the Institution and
director of its activities. The secre-
tary of the Smithsonian fall under the
heads of the Institution proper as
related museums the international
exchanges, the bureau of American
ethnology the National Zoological
park and the astrophysical observa-
tory.

The library is of such magnitude
that many of the books are classed as
in unprecedented quantity and it is
there some of the books on early
American history, written by Bertrand
Rogers Smith, can be found and I know
there that Ray Page did. I used the
connection between Ray Page and
the magnificent treasure house of
knowledge, for in books written by
Mr. Rose gave the key to the safe in
the Institute in the evenings.
The Smithsonian is one of the
few monuments

The grand secretary Charles
Walcott, started it 1887 and it may
be best that the grand secretary retire
and one could find an author more
qualified than Wm. Williams as a re-
search librarian. Mr. Williams has
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cartoonist and was called by other
of the leaders of the Progressive
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American Indian lore and history
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into the hands of the writer by Mrs.
Barnard Rose, poet, a resident of Win
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exhibits exhibit to secured for the
Institution museum of Ottawa. We are
always welcome to my two Canadian
visitors and Canadian guests are ever
upon the treasure which we have
received and prepared and highly
valued for so many years. Tell Mrs.
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REV. D. W. McKERACHER

Extracts from Rev. D. W. McKercher's Diary of 1873

BY MISS NELLIE DOBIE

The following very interesting notes from the diary of the late Rev. D. McKercher, Presbyterian minister who officiated at Fort Arthur and Port William in the early years were compiled and presented to the Historical Society by Miss Nellie Dobie.

1873.—Fisher Hall was under the Students Home Colleges Missionary Society and opened for the first in 1873. Rev. R. H. McKercher being placed in charge. Prince Arthur's Landing was under the Home Missions Committee.

Extracts from Rev. D. McKercher's Diary, 1873.

1873, May 4—Embarked on the Manitoba, at Sarnia.

1873, May 9—Visited at Sault Ste Marie.

1873, May 13—Embarked on the Cascade for Port Arthur.

May 14—Arrived. Met several friends. Joined with Rev. Mr McFarland Wesleyan Methodist. (Mother says he proved a faithful friend to the end). Kindly received by Mr Noble into his house. He a mere bachelor there in formal charge of the affairs of the Transportation Co. Took tea there evening.

Friday, May 16—Made arrangements with Mr Macdonald to preach on Sabbath morning & in evening to assist in the opening of his church.

May 17,—Went out in the morning on the way to Fort William. Saw Mrs Oliver and made the acquaintance of many others. Returned by the Rob Roy evening.

May 18. Preached in the morning to a congregation of about fifty in the late basement of the Methodist church, kindly given by Mr Macdonald. After service was in the bay "Mitis" in the Fiirt and preached a useful exhortation. Went thence to Mr & Mrs Carlin's friend and intelligent people.

May 23. Received from Mr McKenzie two lots for a church.

May 25.—Preached in the morning at the Landing. Attendance about sixty. Would probably have been larger were it not that the steamer Manitoba was in port. Also was at the dock when we came out. The captain had the good nature not to whistle consequently the congregation were not distracted.

Was rowed over to the Fort by two young men, Chesseys and McKenzie, and preached to about twenty There is not that excitement there there but we would expect. Persons absent they would be likely.

May 26.—Opened by Temperance Lodge of Rev. Mr. Pitts. Temperance is very much needed in this place.

May 28.—Had some talk with Mr McKenzie re. the church lots and also with Mr Macdon. who said he would write to Mr Jackson re the deed, again by the government.

June 4.—Called by the Cumberland for Silver Islet. Reached Silver's. Met Rev. Mr Pearson. This would be Rev. R. W. McFarland, who was ordained at the Islet when Bother was at the Landing. He graduated in the Knox College class of 1874.)

June 6.—Rainbath and on the Algoma.

June 17.—Left on the S.S. with Rev Mr McKercher, Mr Macleod and Mr Fletcher for the try of McKay's opinion a Mission Station. Reached the the first, and at the which camped on the Island. Mr Macleod left for Arrows My host to Thos Mckenzie Mr Macleod, as he left for south regard this.

June 18.—Sunday. On boat was rained and some rain came through it. At noonish, after breakfast we away Birch of Agee probably where it had never been long before

June 21. Arranged with Mr McGill stray (McGillstray) for a Company pastoral visit p.

June 24.—Received a letter from Mrs Mackay being a after race fed from Mr Johnson, merchant, Cobourg a of or Crown Bank, Toronto 1868.

ing that by an order in council the Canada presbyterian church was entitled to a patent for Park lot No. 6 North Peats street, Fort Arthur's Landing.

2nd was accused in having a meeting this evening at Schmidt on Balsam Park. Was in the tent in June May we be led to a higher

July 1 to 5—Visiting in connection with organization of Hannah school

July 6. Held a meeting at Fort Kaministiquia at which Rev Mr. Black baptized Mr Ross child Mr McKinnon's and Mrs. Paish. (The Rev Mr Black was Rev. Dr. Black of Kildonan Man. My brother's wife is a niece of Dr Black's and daughter of the late Rev Jas Hood of Hamilton).

July 15.—Received Mr (Adam) Oliver's contract to use his horse as one of our teamsters for chureh lot.

July 31.—After tea had a meeting at Miss Cameron's when Mr Arthur Mr Hackwood and Mr Mortimer were elected trustees to hold the property of the congregation (S 1 2 3 4) Also Mr Mathers Mr Smith and Mr Wetherell were elected committee of management.

July 30 —The S Frances S smith came in sure it is behind the Barracks of the Bank and Lands line from Thunder bay board. Saw Mr McDonell of St. Andrew's church Toronto and Rev Mr Cassidy minister of King Edth of the church of Scotland on board waiting for Manitoba on a trip.

August 1. Wrote to the Crown Lands Superintendent for patent for church lot here

August 8—The Chautauqua camp met and stayed all night. A dance on board in connection on board

Aug. 15.—The Manitoba was towed up to Fort William this morning The first large steamer that has ever been there. The Mgr. A McNaughton is in charge of public works was on board

Aug 21.—Sent Hatchard to get answer on Pt 24 25. Then Clark Gaskin Mr. Wish. Thy Counsel and Affair went Receiving Mr Lady Glory 8 that I prolonged myself more to be to this guidance, that I were more watchful against everything that would be displeasing to Him. Who takes me by the hand and guides me by glory. O Lord and cry thy help unto me; and here more more of the mind of Christ.

Aug 23.—Last night we all had a camp fire Rev. Mr Patterson's (Presbyterian) dear house which is to build was burnt to the ground. Conn. Whitney and yet this morning he has secured up a bee in a cranky school the street. Thomas Anderson's house through his story on the roads for Kaministiquia I have been to Fort Arthur reading of the letters in a sermon make the Rev Mr Gaul Fort Arthur to Rev Mr Black in the pioneer days that the Yukon was found out. Rev Mr Black in Fort Arthur settling things when Rev Mr Gaul. Mr. Patterson was fundraising raising from $10 to $100

Aug. 24.—Mr. Frances Smith at the dock and effectively destroying the Sabbath quiet. About 60 of church. Mr. Mathers on the Sabbath school Apology society Adopted $15.

Aug. 30 A. Anderson to get receipt also to John Keogh concludes. The Mr. Mr. Mr. the north boat came on board. The late early by 8 the disagreeable features of entertainment is the part of the

Aug 31. Twelve at the Sabbath school. Mr. Cassidy Stag service Hymns with the children and read the Life of John with a few remarks followed by the singing of the 23rd Psalm Ps 23 84. The evening was spent in writing letters at home.

Sept. 1.—Wrote all letters the tug Gaskin Quinlan came in Peter Hunt with Rev R. Gordon this all parties Ralph Connor's father and Mr Mr Paterson on board. Wrote with them at 9 p m Rev Mr Mcnaughton on The tug lodged on a sparrow reef on starting back. Good Sunday through Mich's printing An episode Whitney in the corner of this country the back to River that does 2 a.m. and associated in finding my way into Mr John Saunders's.

Sept. 7 Rev M Gordon preached on Sabbath evening to over 300 from Ps. 84 1-2 His discourse was worked by his usual vigor of thought and delivery and it was well listened to throughout.

Sept 14—Rained in the morning by 2[illegible]. In the afternoon cruising. Thought that he was dead several times. Oh what a dreadful cursed Dinner he had how exhausted mem must be who drink after witness big such stones as these!

Sept 21.—Morning wet and gloomy Attendance there 58 at morning service. About 30 at Port William in the afternoon about 120 at the Landing in the evening.

This to me my last Sabbath here What spiritual good may come on the final of my labours, I may not be able to tell. I have sought to do the good I trust that and not may be permitted to offend the little ones to God's injury

Sept 22.—Rescued from M[illegible] Dobie for 1000 £[illegible] Harassed through Mr Wade from Mr Jesse McKellar for my services at the Port the sum of 10£.2.8

Sept. 24. Left the Landing on the Manitoba. Remained to write to several parties, among them J. D. Rowes W. C. Pinks, R. Maitland Thos. Fennell Mrs. Rose R. S. Mitchell

Sept 26.—When we awoke this morning we found ourselves at Middlepoint. Mr Rowe there met on shore the whole town, on board nearly the[illegible] more the[illegible] each one on the wharf eager to [illegible] known overboard and vowed to [illegible]

A foggy wet stormy voyage made us beg Home to shelter at night.

Sept. 28. Left Home at 6 through fog very wet this morning.

March 31, 1875 Decided to go to Toronto by the request of the [illegible] Mission Board

July 1 Remains in a muddle as for lessons.

July 9. Began collecting for church & Prince Arthur Landing

July 20. Gone east by Toronto Free Hystery

July 2[illegible] to 30. Collect[illegible] among Toronto friends

July 31. Left for Prince Arthur Landing.

Aug 2 Reached the Landing about 8 p.m.

Aug 6 Came in board at Mr Cameron's.

Aug 7 Rain[illegible] by Dobie's child, me sing[illegible] out here alone my return.

Aug. 9 Preached, the morning in The Methodist church, P. A. Landing and in the evening at Mr Gilbert's office at the River in the mud

Aug. 12. Held a meeting at the Managing Committee in the evening at Mr Gilbert's.

Messrs. Maitland, Grant, Dobie and McDermit appointed to select site committee for building a church.

Aug 13. Much under arrangements for building. Hope to get it possible by we can have no other

Aug 14. Went over to the Port in the forenoon to see about the Mure Place of service.

Aug. 16. Tried to obtain the canvassers to obtain subscriptions for the erection of the church to begin their work but refused.

Aug 20. Preached over in the Port accompanied by Mr McKenzie and preached from Eph. 2[illegible] The collection was good, but might be better.

Aug 24. In the morning went by the Lake Manitoba for visits to Rock Pound. Have interesting and [illegible] Came ashore at 4 p.m. headed the canoe by chance on a rock very heavy at once which it did not go over [illegible]

Aug 25. Preparing[illegible] at Mr Dobie's. Attendance fair. Rhubarb pronounced afterwards

Aug. 31. Cloudy and dull. Toward evening the sun shone very [illegible] on the lake. Beautiful. Men of the Bay between here and here was unfavorable. Rose about 4 & 5 & 6 to enjoy it. As Cape from view with the [illegible] part was behind it on the one. The surrounding dark shade with the sunlight upon very beautiful. How many hours are in the works O God. In who can [illegible] made them all.

Sept. 12. Sunset on the Bay very [illegible]. A few thin feathery clouds in the sky tinged with a deep red as [illegible] as a fair maiden on claim. A red sky [illegible] sun rises and a red sky [illegible] beneath our feet. Heaven above Heaven below God everywhere.

"The Heavens God's glory do declare.
The skies His handywork preach.
Sept 17 Visited several parties in the afternoon and made arrangements for a meeting of the Committee at Shuniah to appoint a building committee.

At the meeting tonight the following Building Committee was appointed with power to add to their number Peter Thomson, Robt. Maitland, D. Monroe & McKenzie.

Sept. 21. At a conference with Mr. Maitland this afternoon we appointed the following officers for a branch of the Bible Society at P. A. Landing Mr Wm Halliwell pres. Rev D. McKenzie vice-president, Mr. D. Mitchell secretary. Mr. Ogilvie depositary, Mr. Peters, members Mr. John Maclean committee, Mr. Wm. Parks, Mr. John Vivan.

This afternoon at Mr Monroe's, Mr Maitland Mr Monroe and myself met having previously appointed to subscribe liberally for building the church.

Received from Mr Dobbs for salary £6 13

Sept. 22. Received £30.00 from J Mitchell for salary. Gave $5.00 toward the building of the school house at the river

Sept. 28. Doubtful whether a church proposed at the church at Pt. Thorn M & H cause a considerable knock the place.

Sept. 29. Sabbath School exercises and speech on Missions talked to. Passed off well. The day was very fine for settling the people

Oct. 2. We went from Mr Thomson about specifications for church. We must go to within 12ft. and see where we have.

Oct 3. Went to and gave us welcome. Mr & mother and many a place all worship but be it known many souls shall be born unto God. Prepare us for its service of Thy day and hours

Oct. 4. Walked to the Fort and preached for the first time in the new school house to a good congregation.

Oct. 5. Rode out to get out a plans of the church

Oct 7 Meeting of the Building Committee Mr Neil Shaw to draw up specifications in accordance with the plan furnished.

Oct 11. Laid out the church to Mr Jas. Rose for $438.00.

Oct 31. Found Mr Oliver would not furnish the timber for the church as expected.

Nov. 13 Raising the outbuildings in the way of obtaining the material to form church. I drove out a drive for a distance more. I have to [illegible] thanks that to most of our people except [illegible] Halliwell about the casting of the church and we have [illegible] Two contributed the work and $100.00 of which we would as appear [illegible] Nov. 14 and I would report that to the committee.

Nov. 14 Difficulties in the way of church building the cause as before. But the labour more arduous somehow in favor

Morning of Managing Committee tonight. Resolution deferring matter in regard to the building of church pending [illegible] urging the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] immediately

Oct. 18 Sat Mr Oliver in a meeting and found that he would put 2.3 cash down and the rest [illegible] I to contract a proposal we agree we are able to meet. Gave Mr. Oliver a list of the timber rose and for the rest he [illegible]

Oct. 16. Ordered window sash for the private room. Drew up resolution into the Committee to meet next week with Mr Neil Shaw

Dec. 20. Mr. Jas. Rose was willing to accept the Committee's offer for the building of the church

Dec. 22 Married to Mary Matheson by the bride's father Mr Matheson Shoemaker Scot and the Matheson Kincardineshire

Nov 2 First contract Mr Mc Kenzie. Mr Thomson and myself.

Nov 30 Organized a Sabbath school at the Fort. Superintendent Mr. Peter McKenzie

Teachers—Mrs. Neil White Miss M Mackenzie Miss C. McKenzie Miss E. McKenzie

Dec 31. Christmas tree and tea-meeting a grand Presbyterian concert. Had a fine tea room of Queen's hotel, so why not we encourage each of Mrs D. M Blackwood. Historical records

Dec. 16. Communion Service. 6.30 p.m. Carol Service.

Sun. Dec. 17. Preaching of our new lectern. Sun. School Party. Weather and other conditions. Tests for the day. Service at 10.45 a.m. Collections for C. M. S. in the evening. Rev. Mr. Stewart's preaching appointment. 3.15 p.m.

In connection with the Christmas tree some of the young people with a view to a concert on the 22nd Father Neil spoke. Such a concert could which they never organized. Father Neil assure the would rather see the money go to those at the front. Before they should say this Presbyterian Church was raised in a manner.

Feb. 28 1917. Meeting of Building and Managing Committees. Decided to ask for sale of old pulpit to be made by Rev. Mr. Stewart. Some time added to the Committee as was also appointed.

March 2. First session session. Mr. Wheeler being the treasurer for the congregation for his election. The following were nominated

Assistant Secretary - Mr. Sam Hall and John H. Kinnear Jas. Cox, Wm. Hackwood, Jos. Hastings.

The last was gentleman has a mania on it, a writing schoolmaster's

March 16 Mr. Rev. Sinclair Reed his Rector. He said five members were elected to be elders for the Lansing Church.

March 18. After certain proceedings to have the Methodists for two days received at a recent conference. Decided that at 7 p.m. and on and be married by Rev. Henry Lunn and Miss Mary Hastings. This is the first couple to undergo. Mary thus be happy

April 4. At the close of the services Rev. and Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Hastings Reed, Hackwood and others. This case dated in first case as of the Presbyterian Church at Prince Arthur's Landing. May the Lord give us all grace for the occasion

April 25. Was a big afternoon at a meeting for the officers of the P. S. at the [illegible] the first new hotel there. All opened on their promotion

July 2. Meeting of Building Committee at which it was decided to ask for tenders for the erection of a new

Aug. 20. Building Committee found that the lowest tender was $1,185.00 to $1,775 Not accepted. 30. To be referred meeting. 31. Sunday School Superintendent of the Methodist School

November 1. Moved to manse.

1918. Special collection for Knox College over $900. This is the 5th collection for an outside object over $100 in the year

Feby. 28th P. A. Leaving. Oct. 1st 1916. [illegible] Left for Oshawa to [illegible] Church. Left for Oshawa to [illegible] Church. Left for Oshawa to [illegible] Church.

We have also an old photo of the pupils and teachers in the F School at Fort Arthur Mr Wrghal was principal and Isabella Dehls one of the pupils.

The following list appear in a note book

F A. Leading S. School July 7 1873.

1. Wilson Hamerton.
2. John McKinnon.
3. Mary Cameron.
4. Mary McKenzie.
5. Ira Ry Cooper
6. Elizabeth Ann Wilson.
7. Robert Mcelfreesy
8. William Mcelfreesy
9. Frank Wilson.
10. Christina Jane Cameron
11. Carrie May Young.
12. Lillie Ross.
13. Ada Rose
14. Isabella Dehls
15. Robert Hamerton
16. Frank Hamerton
17. Caroline Jones
18. Mary A. Jones
19. Margaret Victoria Jones.
20. John Henry Davies

The teachers were Mr McKinnon Mr Smith, Miss McK enzie Mr McLea n

Some other lists written by local pupils are now so faded tha t it is al most impossible to read them.

Hudson Bay Reminiscences

BY N. M. B. ALLENDER

PAPER given and read before a re-union meeting of the THUNDER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, January 8th 1895 by N. M. B. ALLENDER, ex-manager of the EASTERN DISTRICTS of the HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the THUNDER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I will begin my address with the remark: remembrances that I will try to interest and amuse you for a while, are events, conditions, and historical facts in connexion in the Hudson's Bay company's affairs, which have been undistinct, which proclaimed in high favour in the years 1855, 1857 and 1858 up to 1870, I have from personal and several identities of the Hudson's Bay company's chiefs in the District and its duties, for the special reason, the many of the names of persons and places that I will introduce, will be more or less familiar to some of you of Fort Wm Henry or on the Nipigon Rivers or on the Canadian Pacific Railway Department. I will premise at this time that the recently Chief Factor Allen was the Officer in charge at Moose Factory at the time I may say the I was in active with him on of the men. He were not home to be educated in the Orkney Islands. The leading lads of the particulars district, known and distinguished him as well as some of Lake Superior district, was Mindoug one, and under the jurisdiction where the following parts of Ignace, Fort William Nipigon, Long Lake, The Portage Bay Agawa, Missanabie Bear Track and several other small posts, or, on old methods for winter trading. The gentleman in charge of the district was chief factor John McKenzie. The gentleman in charge had many years and endeared his duties consists of the actual direction of the trading and movements of interior canoe routes to be by the Hudson's Bay company.

I will now recite one or two incidents in the gentleman's own words, writing to one of his countrymen, Mr Jos. Masterman at Lon. Islington in pure terms as follows

Mr. Your letter of the 3rd of January was duly received with the compliments season's greetings, as you did of last month, for I was glad to hear that your health had promised you when that year to do by writing me which has not. But they could do little but in the burning way but I was sorry to hear that your leaving at the east had been so poor yet I try to be hoped that your good and management was will have enough of that to carry you through the winter in regard to the two children who did not [illegible] and who you say look on the Albany Road. In the spring of 1857 I was to go to Albany and perhaps have been supplied here your relinquished Fort. If however those Indians and employes of the company. Wait I spoke to you about last August, but log can away with one of the Albany factory posts. I should not be at a loss to [illegible] in winter as would be other things to read enough to occupy a portion of the winter. You come home the spring and his assistant [illegible] Alick Allen, the gentleman a large of acres of the Albany, and [illegible] he able a manage a stranger at the Canoes and [illegible] Albany [illegible] woman to her home and [illegible] thousand dollars. [illegible] If you succeed [illegible] the women here will [illegible] and [illegible] engage in our boats [illegible] Portage in the [illegible] notice that one is very valuable to Albany to here former [illegible] here and without [illegible] assistance. I may have my [illegible] at it in an raised the [illegible] for former [illegible] assistance and [illegible] making any questions, but the promised [illegible] it is a note of [illegible] and [illegible] and they find [illegible] superior for many years afterwards. The [illegible] Sandy Island [illegible] here further than proceeded with the next notice of [illegible] and [illegible] is a letter the next paragraph [illegible]

I recently met the governor and council on business at Norway house pending which you namely others started off offered a few per months as three two learned corresponding that [illegible] therefore no concern of regularly confess you as consequence to such which do presence of two witnesses and return the expenditure to the first opportunity he then appointed immediately arrest a he goes to Lake Temiskamingue in charge of Michipicoten Post. Where while and the interesting information were not [illegible] He opposes through all his [illegible] and have the confidence decided at his Hay. The end is to [illegible] and to the calls to engross on all his positions given his approval of economy and [illegible] took well to the welfare of the hunters attached to his service especially the French and Indians. He says in part to Sir [illegible] you services here this season will not be to [illegible] as the Indians have of course remain a Chippewa country with you Nastawan and Sault Ste. Marie gathered now You must remember by which arrangement in the the Indians you each have a [illegible] returns the part of the [illegible] and a district in his hands for [illegible] to the Lake Temiskamingue and [illegible] will be a little trouble or the least [illegible] of which [illegible] and [illegible] the same price as our Moose Factory [illegible] district via 23 each for the trip, besides the same quantity as at Moose last year [illegible] say that last year I observed and assure you a great number of women and children had accompanied the crews at your post to Fort Moose [illegible] a year and for why? Though have heads simply to [illegible] secrets a [illegible] the [illegible] and children, accompany [illegible] to know their [illegible] circumstances, for the greater part, [illegible] they say I [illegible] you people receive your names [illegible] at Fort Williams [illegible] [illegible] will endeavour to [illegible] as much as [illegible] are [illegible] assured that all Michipicoten [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

It is likely once this initial number of members will be reached, I will have to look a year for a supply of provisions for the occasion. I have taken a good painting on you will always need to add items by the council, but it was a hall of this spring will answer all purposes, such other supplies as good lobster cheese, eggs, etc. I think agreed. From now when the governor permits Port William on the way down for any other requirements. The council may direct Mr Broadfoot the handling of the subscription good returns from all points in the district as mentioned appeals to have been announced and tasks of the institute have gathered from storehouse during the winters.

The disembarking warehouse for Lake Superior and Lake Huron steamers will soon at the South Bay. Marks and a couple of the Canary Simpson was in charge, whose names was also Simpson. On the 16th of June 1871 Mr McKenzie wrote to him as follows: The schooner arrived here this afternoon from Port William, and whether unloading this evening. Early tomorrow as to the Simpson Bay. I would be glad to get on board one cask of whiskey as I am quite out myself. Mrs. Jas. Ross 20 barrels of pork, 2 bags and half a and a couple of boxes of dry goods for the supplies to Fort the schooner Mr Mackenzie has on board the Simpson Bay. Force some tool but I am unable to distinct more than the Moose Thunder the schooner which some places carry the Canary Islands. Lake Superior ports. If Lake William the same please send the schooner back as soon as possible a load by the steamer to-day to Mr Ross has asked for whiskey. I have got a good one at the factory where one fine to get on board. Under which the goods may be a arrival at the to either Wabigoon or Port William please Mr. Ross I may be and should

Sure he was from the vicinity of the Red River as the rude leader of his gentlemen, rough country and of a man as only 60 gallons whiskey to Fort William I would few ordered in from his packages in the 4 casks sent in this as I am sure short of that. After I think in the words the English goods received and why for Fort William I will write to Mr McIntyre directing him what supplies to take and what to answer when the arrives there. I would wish the schooner to be back at Fort William by the 10th or 15th but and my letters for Mr George Simpson shall hardly be sent

August 22d 1871. On the 22nd August 1871 Mr McKenzie was appointed to the charges of an office Chief Chief Trader Mr. This Chief was appointed by order in council to have the charge of Lake Superior district with head quarters at Fort William.

The foregoing was the first good deed the greatest promoter of one of the old leaders Mr Duncan Port William was one of the best posts in the district. They had quite a farm there and planted all kinds of grain peas cattle, these goods were sent from Montreal by canoe route, later, there were steamers. Stories

Mr Duncan was a very large man weighing between 300 and 400 pounds and was a very powerful man. Many old timers amongst us can remember him. He was a fine Mason and a very devoted to good fellowship and entertainment. He was a hospitable man. The gentleman in charge of the district had to visit Lake Nipigon. On his return once he had a very rough time. The trip was generally made in canoes, but this time he had to travel in a small sailing vessel. The weather was very stormy and the vessel was a poor one. It was a very rough trip. The vessel was tossed about by the waves as if it were a cockle shell. Mr Duncan was very much frightened and he was heard to say that he would never go on board a vessel again. When he arrived at Fort William he was very much relieved and he was heard to say that he would never go on board a vessel again as William

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as the schooner Amber made two voyages from the Bend to Port Williams that same fall. One voyage being recorded on a special trip.

Chief Pusher Peter Neil was in charge of Lake Superior district about 1892. He was a man well and favorably known in the district. After he resigned he was for a trip a Deputy Ofer on the Yukon where rumoring the steamboat he was on as scrupulous and reckless and was wrecked as and many others of the passengers and crew were drowned. There is a number on the Canadian Northern railway north of here called Peter Hill, so named in memory of him.

Joseph McFarlane was also in charge of the district.

In later years, 1911 Alexander Mackenzie was in charge of the district with headquarters at Port William and it was the headquarters of the district still remains. He lived in a grand old mansion and was styled 1912 case.

Port William was at one time the most important place west of Montreal, and had a population in 1874 of about 3,500 which in over a century grew to have a population today of about 20,000.

The vessels owned by the Northern Bay Co. in the winter of 1874-75 were the Schooner Amber, the company built Niagara screw, one of their fleet of side wheel with were utilized in the Hudson Bay route I was turned down in 1874 and has an interesting life, the S. S. Scenton was the manager and has since retired on pension.

Lake Superior district office is now situated in the Bay street building in city Hall which cover 50 passenger for further note on the Steamboating and guidance, as in years gone by Mr. Mackenzie had yearly a Assistant Depot Manager M. James Duncan McGregor being in preference a charge the district as the present time. Some of the old posts of M. are still doing in even notably Michipicoten Long Lake and Nipigon. The following is the present February 1911 steamers of Lake Superior district and list of the port managers and their Fleet a general still based with on to their the Port William Steamboat Co. Bay for navigation and guidance. be by their

Incentive officers of the Company (16 North May street.

John Duncan MacKenzie district manager

Henry C. Woods, assistant district manager

J. H. A. Wilson, district accountant

Asst. Anderson, asst.

Percy Crawshaw, asst.

Port of note is Lake Superior district February 1911

White Dog—Thomas Young has not one Man's Lake—Bayside Fishmanager.

Nipigon—Richard Hooper manager.

Lac Seul—James Williams, manager.

Wabuskang

Quimy Narrows—Donald Murchison manager.

Sioux—Lawrence Johnson, manager.

Fort Hope—Hector A. Taylor, manager

Accountant—Thomas E. Rich, manager

Assist.—Clarke J. Williams, manager.

Heaton Harold R. Hare, manager

Pine Ridge—Robert Young manager

Bucke—Henry Lawson manager

Cat Lake—Jos. Lavallee manager

Osnaburgh Lake—Wesley Manager

Lake View—Fred Mc Gregor, manager

Thomson Moose—Patrick McGuire manager

Bonner—Henry Burch manager

Long Lake—Pp. H Gosse L. Manager

Kenlash Lake—Hal Green manager

Winnipeg—Peter Finlayson manager

Nipigon—Harlie—R. Williams, manager

Patrick—Frank H. Abbott, manager

In 1912—9 I was inspect my office a Peace River and Athabasca district on. In 1913 was appointed to take charge of Lake River district with headquarters at North Bay Ontario, and I continue to hold charge of the same district. In 1913 the port managers of Lake Superior district remained as in 1911 and myself with a beautiful Steamboat address, accompanied with a gold silver we

set on a token of their appreciation friendship and good will which existed between us and all the merchants in the district. On my further promotion in this to be general manager of all the eastern districts of the Inner Bay company with headquarters in Winnipeg and Montreal, the staff of Lake Superior district presented me with a handsome grandfather's clock and a beautifully illuminated address which reads as follows:

A D 1910 The Hudson's Bay Company A. D. 1911 Lake Superior District Port William, Ont., December 30th, 1910

To W. M. Hill of MacKenzie, Overseas Manager Eastern District, Hudson's Bay Company

Sir: It is with mingled feelings that we accept you leave to tell you farewell upon your preferment from the post that which you have held for the past five years as manager of the Lake Superior district, to assume a similar command as manager of the whole eastern district of the company as bestowed by the widespread favor of his Honours Fur company's sovereign kingdom whose area is equal to one-third of the continent of America.

During your term of office in this district of the Inner Bay we have called upon the proper food system of your employees and we bear testimony to the fact that with a view upon the same action in dealing with the wider operations for the advancement and the welfare of the merchant governor here. The same qualities which have given you the good will and appreciation as all who have worked under you which we too as a personal loss to surrender, may earn as you the rewards to your future advancement.

The small parting gift we tender is feeble as it is to express since you so leave you the depth of the high esteem in which we have held you both as a friend and a leader, but we trust that you may be long spared you the choice in this land, by the best to mark the flight of the years and see the of the many years to us we will remember as a and Mrs. MacKenzie to enjoy we ask you to accept the clock as a remainder of the friends whom you both made here and ask you to believe that no matter how many years may be there of on the 23rd the memory of your administration will remain as a pleasant recollection in our

As the larger territory which you are leaving is to control between the eastern area of your former jurisdiction we trust that these times to be friendships which have grown up between us will not be lessened but renewed as your duties call you in greater you and district.

Signed on behalf of the staff

John D. MacKenzie district manager

F. T. Norbert, district accountant.

F. P. Adams, Thunder Bay post manager.

James Williams, Shabbeny post manager.

Chas. H. N. Gordon Lac Seul post manager.

Donald McKenzie, Dinorwic post manager.

S. A. Taylor, Fort Hope post manager.

H. Murchemen, Nipigon Lodge post manager.

W. Fairlay, Osborn post manager.

W. L. Thomson, Long Lake post manager.

Charles Cockburn and J. Robertson Minnesota post managers.

Harvey Dyment, Duluth manager.

The following Port William stood on the banks of the Kaministiquia river was a network of C. P. R. tracks and on its west side the Canadian Northwest company's were used as a site also the Northern Pacific's. Lake erected by an Thomas Bay Hudson's Bay company's warehouses into the locality made famous by the discovery there of the great sweetness. The tallest stands on Mr. Thunder Bay's Hill and the Kaministiquia Cree go Rupe is the presence of Indian's settlers Fort William. For will have of house is a well worth a visit old and interesting relic and so is reached on each of his ages traveling and Indian was once in Canada where a priest a which out from 1670 a date on the explored red areas to take on which in fifty discoveries in his wanderings and journeys full seventy provinces completed as a hundred by Rt. Rev. Nicholas the president of the Historical Society of Thunder Bay on 20th where the idea of this Memorials Tablet first gets noted together will the assistance of Miss M. J. Black who was and many Committee of the society and all to their authority the the Society Whose

knowledge, energy and ability made the accounts of his historical monograph valuable, so that future generations will not be sad read on the enjoyment called the history of the past where the early pioneers, our ancestors, were so afraid to blaze the trail and prepare the way for be millions to be a yes to arrive in this great Canada of ours where its history is written and preserved in Thunder and museums a of e cps, and attr the colonies as a greater freak of val or and d st action by the ep ring of humanity and the ideals traits of civilis ns and good w l ill ng s l members of the human race

Mr. President, Ladies and Gen n men I must now back you for your kind attention a patience in my very haughty voice! All hope something may be found in it that will be worthy and helpful to history. I am sure I have therefore Mr President much pleasure in presenting my paper through you to be Thunder Bay Historical society to be read and

Again thanking yo wi wish you al goodwill and always t dreams. Port. Wi liam February 27th. 1940

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Half-Breed Rebellion of 1885

BY M. M. S. McKINNON

On the 6th of March 1885 a Metis Leader by the name of Gabriel Dumont and a number of the half-breed Indians were either killed or wounded. The news shocked the white settlements in the southern prairies and caused a panic. Reports of injured Mounted Police and settlers were received by the hour and it was not until the 15th of May that the Rebellion was finally put down.

The Metis had been in a state of unrest for a few months before this. Their leader, Louis Riel, had been living in exile in the United States for fifteen years. He had left Canada after the Red River Rebellion of 1870 when the province of Manitoba was created. Riel had been the leader of the Metis in that rebellion and had set up a provisional government at Fort Garry. He had executed Thomas Scott, a Protestant Canadian, and was forced to flee the country. He was given a pardon by the Canadian government but was exiled for five years.

Riel had been living in Montana where he married a Metis girl and had three children. He was working as a teacher in a Catholic school when he received a letter from Gabriel Dumont asking him to lead the Metis in a fight for their rights. Riel left his family and went to Batoche, Saskatchewan where he was welcomed by the Metis. He set up a provisional government and drew up a Bill of Rights. The Metis wanted the right to own land, to have their own schools and to be represented in the Canadian government. They also wanted the right to hunt and fish without restrictions.

Riel sent a telegram to Ottawa demanding that the Metis be given their rights. The government refused to meet the demands and sent troops to Saskatchewan to put down the rebellion. The troops were led by General Middleton. On April 24th the battle of Duck Lake took place. The Metis were defeated and retreated to Batoche. Here they were joined by Indians from the Battleford area. On May 9th the battle of Fish Creek was fought

Indians were sent to Manitoulin Island. Many of the Indians died on the way. Some were sent to Parry Island. Others were sent to Rama Reserve. Some were sent to Christian Island. Some were sent to Moose Deer Point. Some were sent to Georgina Island. Some were sent to Rice Lake. Some were sent to Alderville. Some were sent to Tyendinaga. Some were sent to Gibson. Some were sent to Oshweken. Some were sent to Six Nations. Some were sent to Brantford. Some were sent to Muncey. Some were sent to Sarnia. Some were sent to Walpole Island. Some were sent to Kettle Point. Some were sent to Stoney Point. Some were sent to Caradoc. Some were sent to Delaware. Some were sent to Moraviantown. Some were sent to Chatham. Some were sent to Kingsville. Some were sent to Windsor. Some were sent to Amherstburg. Some were sent to Fort Malden. Some were sent to Fort Erie. Some were sent to Niagara-on-the-Lake. Some were sent to Hamilton. Some were sent to Toronto. Some were sent to Orillia. Some were sent to Penetanguishene. Some were sent to Midland. Some were sent to Coldwater. Some were sent to Rama. Some were sent to Orillia. Some were sent to Lindsay. Some were sent to Peterborough. Some were sent to Belleville. Some were sent to Kingston. Some were sent to Cornwall. Some were sent to Akwesasne. Some were sent to Caughnawaga. Some were sent to Oka. Some were sent to Lorette. Some were sent to Bécancour. Some were sent to Three Rivers. Some were sent to Montreal. Some were sent to Lachine. Some were sent to Caughnawaga. Some were sent to Oka. Some were sent to Lorette. Some were sent to Bécancour. Some were sent to Three Rivers. Some were sent to Montreal. Some were sent to Lachine.

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to do? Now I can always tell you the truth and indeed you all know I can and now you are listening to men with forked tongues who will bring much trouble to you if you listen to them but Mrs. Tim Sullivan's words and you and those that were good and I am speaking now when the company has asked me to do so, and this is certain that I have asked you to come here in daylight and have nothing to hide as to you and all who either listen or have listening, and you to listen and only take words counsels and for the young ones Gaudin or when you say This is the same that I asked you to be to listen to me I what you to tell it to all the young men and the old men as the reason of, and they will to be after that I have spoken with and will always tell you what is right so that you will not be led into trouble again as the whispered and advised

I have finished and it may one of you wishes to speak I will now please

The Chairman of the Ray Shirley company, I'd also point out that hands with me that's not the only way I can speak a speech. He's not called me in a round of it. The Knights of the name is Lord Voice I should say forget my speech. He was a dear friend of mine always have a age a fig and will straight as an arrow and like my pal

He began —

Mr Grandchild we have listened to your words, they are the words of the company. Mr Grandchild as made an statement to his lives that I will respond to his speech. Mr grandchild look at me, I'm nothing as a man this because he can. We true not to find that we now I will tell you that I'm a old man and I'm a poor man I'm a old man and I'm not it both I've had two wife all it's that long because to the words of my grandchild eh I we all find good and will well here to all our children because we will was a song a my heart that over Mr Grandchild will we to a reason of speak words to an adult that we to understand to nature. My Grandchild I have answered you as best I could to the men present who have listened to your words this day — have spoken. Neither hindrance and the meeting was over and we all embarrassed each other from that day.

The old stood Lord Voice died shortly after — and never saw the Redskins that the was so much appreciated to, and had always spoken highly of all children meeting in Rossport. Lord Voice was his grandson and the Whale Chiefs for was a great old chieftain, and long distance runner. You could see him speak his creations on their meetings quite frequently and he was the tribe from these questions and the tribe could be heard when he replied his indian meanings and even to the Apostle and Mrs. Sullivan made a kind old wife and told her speech to do what the Redskins said the Redskins to their officers after it was read and over and to the Redskins as the Tim Sullivan's medals was a very interesting interview shortly after the time of the old Queen, as we can be called and played the game — the meeting a lot of the Redskins to appreciate a lot of Mrs. Sullivan's medals and a comfortable sunny disposition.

As soon as Don Middleton arrived after dinner who was appointed Of this interpreter for a reward and was also sent here to an Indian's meat carvers and was buried prayer to Grandpa's station a vessel to does on the Kitto Development and the Historic arrest of the newly went Terrifer as had arranged with Rossport. Why a — Commander in-ief of the Hudson's Bay Company the would like for meeting of it the government complete and provide on a Trader's Letter to be to Hudson's Bay duties and my as successor Mr. Sullivan adams on the Reserve I all come, the say was the Indians all a Reserves and everyone I have

The Reserves have broken out and here was a stone, and as to the Indians and those from that be some of our white names and in more we are very sorry to see it from time to time of coming over another One of the many greetings to have with the Indians were the big covered over in Dublin and I The white settlers were all to stood and fans of a general Indian upris-

For Hughes were kept judiciously hidden so as to create a mystery in the minds of the women and children away. At the first sight of murder some were snatched, babies. Hendricks and the Reserve's distance of only 12 or 15 miles from where the bulk of the Indians were. The scouts came at once camp or and helped them to go away with them as I was the only white man in the country and we only remaining there to be a child. I told them they had better go as soon as one could say why would happen so they had all reports in every direction and a great many of them came, and I think this saved the real children should be rescued. Away from treachery should any days. I think there was great danger of the Indians from Hughes' Reserve coming in that way. I said I think I have the confidence of the Indians, even if they are on the warpath, I will not go with you, I have a feeling and that I will stay here among the Indians and in my own home as long as I can reserve, and could if he had to go down to Hughes' Reserve I was willing to do some duty as he got I think you are to send as well as the Chief of Broad in the past kind of for and assistance as you liked in a scheme and will not serve my part of it.

They saw that was in earnest and the being the second time and they had come on me, they start to look for Hendricks and I did not see any of them again as I after leaving was taken and the Chief had all over. Sure was a safe now as he was within proper distance to go. I had what I considered many good friends among a few of whom I had known so well and that I had known 12 years and 7 years. I felt sad for my children that I was a non professed Christ and had no time with over for my own safety during the whole period of the disturbances. was a my wife could to know was to do next to prevent them from leaving the reserves and going to the warpath. I made all if I could do here was a small last element among the young braves of which I gained and listened to him slightly cowardly and ready to go, while the old men's counsels in a measure helps were making use of all their controls as far as

[illegible] ance and [illegible] on me there, a regular decoy [illegible] several days [illegible] now with their arms of secret by the time. They intended to move early on the north side of the valley cross the Pheasant Plains where they [illegible] a number of white and of course plunder as [illegible] and into the [illegible] and then capture Fort Edmonton and [illegible] and then [illegible] by the Moose Mountain Indians from the south, who could come up west of Indian Head. And the whole of circumstances [illegible] me to be sure such was the programme that [illegible] principal men of Hughes' a week's visit was giving them [illegible] and [illegible] the old man to be present [illegible] Hughes. I [illegible] to what [illegible] on the Reserves I could [illegible] was [illegible] to be Edmonton was progressing. There [illegible] Lake, Pile [illegible] Cut Knife Creek and now they [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

is strong are you as strong as they are" They are feeding you and your wives and little children in that the reason you want to fight and kill them, because they are would be you need are taking care of you" If you have been on the ground you have been keeping you will have to leave your wives and children here and you will be alone among, or hanged and you will never come back to your children again. Your wives and children will starve to death here and you will be their murderers. Listen! You men in last rising, stay here in the country where you are I have spoken and told you the truth. It is up to you or, who is a coward my words to make you decision before the battle.

"No one spoke. They said the word I said me a messenger to the place before noon.

I was very much astonished and glad played my hand card had drawn the could who said would be the right. I

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] my decision as [illegible] and a or ger and vexed.

About [illegible] a.m. it is or four when the band came across the the store and made all Blade of demands to me by [illegible] They were going to make a big fuss and as up to be a big fight I was up [illegible] at five in the morning.

[illegible] He [illegible] gave and a few [illegible] this afternoon there was surprising rumors [illegible] the event a stampede to for [illegible] days [illegible] they [illegible] anger [illegible] at all, and then they [illegible] and he was doing in general. [illegible] I'm sure [illegible] I guess you all the good on word for a big [illegible] and call [illegible] relieve to eat and we will all have a good time. I had been failed and when the grub got to here [illegible] there if that was not enough, I don't know, I know some more. It was every a number of women either fried, baked and [illegible] sent was handed over [illegible] to us by women who became a property in her [illegible] and we [illegible] it every [illegible] once and we used to [illegible] the cup with them [illegible] been heard all the night and the in having day and her daughters some wonderful appetizing during this time I and him where the hair is short and

knew if [illegible] I ever you have anything to do with, write nearly [illegible] Bishops, Dominion, truthful says how [illegible] familiarity, lots of grub, tea, and [illegible] will everywhere nearly are, Harvest and have [illegible] quarters of the middle and, I proved [illegible] my own satisfaction before it to me and many others advantageously, Proposals applied at the right time, to the newly married [illegible] a halfpenny had is certainly had the chance [illegible] which period of written I write and herald the value of many hearts and the lives of many citizens of the Dominion of Canada [illegible]

The [illegible] of troops was very [illegible] the adoption of [illegible] the authors in the country of the [illegible] surprises which make [illegible] chain of letters or a [illegible] of man were on the [illegible] has dollars [illegible] [illegible] has been any crop that [illegible] appear the climatic conditions [illegible] and the country started a new era and a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] how does they be just [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

by me early last year and through the company the troops of the Imperial government accompanied by an official escort, which precluded me from making any future claim against the Canadian government for services rendered. I also received the thanks of the Hudson's Bay Co. for very able and successful way that I had handled the Red men under my charge and keep them on their reserves.

And thus the Red Rebellion of 1885 passed into history N. W. J. McLEOD.

Fort William April 20th, 1920

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The 250th Anniversary of the Hudson Bay Co. in Winnipeg

This celebration was one of the most historical and successful events that has ever taken place in Canada in connection with the Hudson's Bay Company whose Governor Sir Robert Kindersley, received a warm welcome and received courtesy from all prominent business and bankers, as well as the most famous fur and business men and financial men of our city and country who assembled to meet and entertain him to the Capital City of Manitoba on the great occasion of the 250 years who the first ship sailed back and forth in those historical Bay Waterways and their son and daughter who accompanied Sir Robert and played in all the festivities with great interest, and appeared enjoyment. Sir Kindersley is not only the Governor and head of the Hudson's Bay Company, but is a man of great financial affairs and recognized financial authority in England and throughout the financial world. He is also one of the Governors of a land of King and and President of many Societies as a leader of the Business in London, England. He has a great and most personality and individual outstanding and just, affable and courteous. At the start from the Fort George he was heard to the the Bay this and house from governor to whom he could pay obeisance and get a bit of fishing was considered and then for that day to and in the fashion a number of officials of the bosom of the service were well conversed, and always carrying with their friends and retained one of the boys who did not get back but were in the Arctic under the Flanders Fields. He an honor to meet empire of Canada Governor Lieutenant in Canada young receive was month's leave of absence from the Fort George on the 250th anniversary. He also authorized for a new Hudson's Bay Co. who have worked out for its Fur Trade, which would give more facilities to conduct in a better post that they were to at present financially. He also decorated all those present in active service who had fifteen years service or over with gold and silver medals and bars, according to seniority. A modern up-to-date store is to be erected on Fort Garry Avenue for the purpose to at that time the Hudson Bay Co.

The Governor of the Red River down in the Lower Fort Gary was responsible to the Governor and the Council to be over-seen among England from all over the Dominion in their Hudson's Bay service and York boats, dressed in waterside clothes, and also representing all the duties and customs for the past 250 years. The leaders of the first River were dined in state with a thousand of visiting and residential spectators men, women and children. The visiting and the Governor and the thousands had congregated was made under the banking of canada in the old redbrick Hudson's Bay style. The Governor and Council of Rupert Land which was presented to him as and also many other beautiful presents of Indian work after which a dance held the most charming fashion with medals and presents of pipes and tobacco and calumet. This was the appropriate day of in life and would be a great day of those who was. Each messages both with them in the of the Governor and Council that he come to his as some of them had come in great time of the Hudson's Bay Company and others as a business whose a set there and the were, many sincere like recognized by a holiday which is going on in Winnipeg at this time. Princess of the land and a double. The following day he entertained a Garden Party at the Government House. A few were invited as the Governor and Council wanted to meet the subject being the branches throughout the Empire, and discuss the closer affiliation of every and present a very close relations and very cordially received by those who came to make and and their friendship and to the Governor and the guest of honor at the Grand Luncheon banquet in the Board of Trade building where of a gala event a most memorable oc-

be wres w said Gerge Dogpound guests and old timers and received most numerous ovations during his most interesting speech. The Lieutenant-Gens now Premier of the Province Mayor of the city, and all prominent officials were in right and left hand supporters nearby at all times. After dinner and the speeches in Old Rivers and many other old time dances were indulged in, some verging on the 100 years of age participating in the fleece of the each

soiree. During all the celebrations, everything was conducted with the greatest conformity and true friendship, many old timers having come a long way to meet their friends and the Governor many at them realizing that they were meeting and parting for the last time. The Governor and his family left at midnight on the 4th inst. to catch their train for Edmonton, to complete the celebrations through to Victoria, B. C.

N. M. W. J. MacKENZIE

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PRESIDENT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual Address, 1920

BY THE PRESIDENT

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am glad to meet you again at the close of a year that has been comparatively free from the desperate ravages of War such as we had passed through during the previous five years.

It is strange that the World War opened out in the midst of great progress in education and science. It is to be hoped that the final result of the war will be the establishment of a successful International court of League of Nations, after which humanity will enjoy the sweets of Democratic freedom for a time.

We have succeeded in paying off the debt of the Tablet and hope to be able to handle the surroundings soon after business affairs become normal.

I may say that we have continued in a mild way to secure the interest of the Society during the five to six years of international turmoil. We are continually adding to the records precious papers from personal witnesses of the many stirring scenes of industrial trades, rebellions and wars in the present and past days in the great North west country. We are not over particular. We secure items bearing on our subject that we consider worthy of preservation in our Annals, from any reliable source.

I notice the Secretary has listed in this issue a list of the materials belonging to the Society. There are a lot more of Annals. Photographs etc in my drawers on to be turned in.

We are fortunate in having attracted to our ranks the grandson and Factor of the Hudson's Bay company N M W J McKenzie. His experience in the fur-trading business and localities is very extensive.

I may mention that we will miss our faithful Vice-President A. L. Russell C. E., who has removed back to his old home in Ottawa, for a time at least.

In passing I must refer to the sad sphere a vacancy that has occurred in our social circle in the death of our much esteemed member Mrs. E. P. Oliver.

I wish herein to express my sincere thanks to the members who are upholding the good work of the Society and especially to Miss Black our faithful Secretary-Treasurer PETER McKELLAR

MISS M. J. L. BLACK.
SECRETARY TREASURER

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

MISS M J L BLACK

To the President and Members of the Thunder Bay Historical Society

Sir and Fellow Members

I have much pleasure in submitting to you the following report for the year 1920 —

The outstanding event, was the final payment on the monument account. To my indefatigable president the thanks of the society are entirely due for this satisfactory clearing up of this obligation.

We had five regular meetings, as follows On December 19 1919 the gathering was of an informal nature at which no address was given. On January 9 great interest and amusement was taken from the reading of the diary of the Rev Mr McKerachar the first Presbyterian minister in Port Arthur. This interesting record was given the society by Miss Edith Doble who personally copied it for us, from the original in the possession of Mr McKerachar's daughter. On February 23 and again on May 14 the speaker was Mr D M W J McKenzie who gave two most delightful addresses the first being "Thunder Bay reminiscences" and the second, A Personal Account of the Red River Rebellion," followed by an account of the Windsor Bay celebration in Winnipeg on May 24 1920. On December 8 a paper was read the subject being "Tales Through the Ages from the Books of the Kamininistikwia"

We have a paid-up Membership of 71, and there has been no free age attendance at our meetings, of eighteen.

During the year we lost by death a valued Member in the person of Mrs E. B Oliver. Her presence is greatly missed at our meetings.

Our society is in affiliation as usual with the Historic Landmarks association from whom we have received reports and to whom it has been our privilege to give information of more or less historic value

All of which is respectfully submitted

M J L BLACK,
Secretary

THUNDER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Financial Report 1919-1920
Receipts

Oct 1911—		
Bal in bank	$ 97	
Government grant	100 00	
Dec 14—		
Mr and Mrs Hamilton	1.50	
Dr and Mrs. Oliver	1 50	
Mr an Mrs F C. Perry	1.50	
Mr and Mrs McKellar	1.50	
Mr and Mrs. John King	1.50	
Mr Fred Pregeau	1.00	
Miss Robins	1.00	
Miss Black	1 00	
Mr James Davidson (donation to monument)	10 00	
Mr and Mrs. A L. Russell	1 50	
Miss von Bonsdorffe	1 50	
Mrs Shenk	1 00	
Mrs Norris Bissell (donation to monument)	10.00	
Mr J F Dale (donation to monument	5.00	
Miss Pamphylian and Mrs Lay bern	1.50	
Miss Stafford	1 00	
Mr J J O'Connor	1.00	
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Expenditures

Dec 29—	
Mrs. D (Saddstone	20.00
Feb 11—	
C LeCocq	0.60
Times-Journal	5.40
Historic Landmarks association	9.00
Times-Journal	99.50
October 15 1920	
Bal in bank	15 07
	$140.47

M J L BLACK
Treasurer

BERNARD ROSE

Fort William Interests in Smithsonian Institution.

By "MAY PACE" Mrs. J. M. Steele, Fort William

The Smithsonian Institution Washington D. C. takes for a motto upon all its publications a thought expressed by the founder — "Every man is a valuable member of society who by his observations researches and experiments, preserves knowledge for men"

The writer remembered these words when in preparing the report of the activities of the members of the Canadian Women's Press club to be read before the convention of Canadian women authors, journalists and artists in black and white at Montreal, in October 1930 her attention was called to the fact that only one of the two hundred odd members had given research work as qualification for membership So more to keep full long the company than anything else she added as a report of herself, work a note on the help she had been privileged to give to the Smithsonian Institution in the direction. On reading the report she found that the new president, Miss Lucy Swanton Doyle of Toronto as well as the retiring president Mrs. Arthur Murphy of Edmonton known on more than one continent as Janey Canuck." and others present of the congress were deeply interested in the subject and asked the Historian to give a detailed story of her research work Thus the words of the motto took on a new meaning and seemed to endow the humble newspaper woman with a claim upon society as a valuable member on she had been instrumental in preserving for the Washington Institution a record of one of its most valued contributions to the exhibit dealing with and illustrating the habits and customs of the North American Indians in Canada—Mr. Bernard Regan Ross

In order to give some idea of the value of the articles contributed by me to the Smithsonian Institution, let me give a short sketch of that famous storehouse of wonders of the new world and its aims and functions.

It is now a small city of fine build-

ings situated in Smithsonian Park and the most delightful approach is from the capitol through the park and botanical Gardens for on the way one becomes well acquainted with the birds and the squirrels and is ready to feel in harmony with the Indians who knew so well the birds and beasts, and made friends with them. The quiet group of buildings, filled with the treasures of science and art and the trophies of scientific discovery has a world-wide reputation and most of learning from all parts of the earth go here to study its wonders.

It was founded in 1846 by James Smithson who though born in France was of English parentage and was a son of Sir Hugh Smithson who by his marriage with the daughter of a cousin of the Duchess of Northumberland assumed the name of Percy and the founder of the institution inherited the right to the title of Earl Percy and Duke of Northumberland. He was born in 1764 and why he selected Washington as the site for the institution is not known. He probably saw in the young native people who would inspire and reflect credit on his lodge So he gave his entire fortune to found the establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men. The bequest with accumulated interest and other investments now amounts to about $1 000 000 and all the operations must be carried on with the income from this very limited fund

This is the reason why anyone who can add to its wealth of information or its collections may feel with pride that he is helping to endow this truly great institution

By law the institution is composed of the President of the United States the Vice-President the Chief Justice and the heads of the Executive Departments It is governed by a Board of Regents consisting of the Vice-President and Chief Justice, three members of the Senate and three members of the House of Represent

patriotic and philanthropic work, but also as a recognition of the services rendered to science by her father.

The Smithsonian, and Mr Walcott, the secretary is the custodian and only lawful place of deposit of all the objects of art and of foreign and curious research, and these collections constitute the national museum, free to the world. The collections given by Mr Ross are especially rich in natural history, geology, paleontology and ethnology - North America. The International Exchange said Secretary Walcott is for free interchange of scientific publications and, out of a treaty established in 1849 has grown the present gigantic exchange and the museum of Ottawa may on application, secure the loan of the Richard Ross exhibits, in duplicate, for a period of time.

The autobiography secured for the Smithsonian from Mrs Bernard Ross and compiled by the writer of this article is to be added to the descriptive matter now under way by Mr Ross and all fully letters of thanks from the Smithsonian but also many noteworthy and valuable assistance in other research work have been added the work of art - The copy of the portrait of Mr Ross, which was also added to the biographical notes by Mrs. Ross for the illustration of the exhibits in the books, was presented to Sec'y Peary by Secretary Walcott for use in her own work.

Biographical Sketch

Richard Rogan Ross author and Chief Factor of the honorable the Hudson's Bay company was the son of the late James and Elizabeth Ross and was born at Londonderry Ireland, September 25 1837. He came to Canada to enter the Hudson's Bay Company's services under the patronage of Sir George Simpson Governor of the Company who saw that first of the house of his uncle Frank Rogan at Londonderry. He was educated at Foyle college, Londonderry and was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society England 1854. Foundation Fellow of the Anthropological Society 1863 correspondingly member of the New York Historical Society) correspondent of the Society Hall of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, 1864 corresponding member of the Natural History Society of Montreal. He married in 1860 Christina Ross, daughter of Donald Ross in charge of Norway House District, where all the Hudson's Bay councils were held His children; Mary Annabelle (Mrs George A. Graham, Fort William, Ontario, Canada,) first white child born at Fort Simpson, Francis Curtis, and Bernard William

He came to Canada at the age of fourteen (in late in 1851 to 1852) to proceed to Norway House. He taught school during the winter at Cornwall and in the spring traveled by canoe to Norway House, stopping in Cleveland to let the first Hudson Bay Company Fur Trade Expedition to Great Slave Lake, and afterwards in Fort Simpson He was then given charge of the whole district of McKenzie River where most of his valuable and famous work was made the made presentations of valuable specimens of mammalia, birds, skins and insects to the British Museum in 1865 and received letts a of acknowledgement from the principal librarian He presented to the Smithsonian institution at Washington D C a general collection illustrating the natural history and ethnology of the MacKenzie River District from Fort Simpson For this gift the Smithsonian Institution returned grateful acknowledgment March 25, 1861 Another selection of specimens was given Smithsonian Institution in 1862, and for this he found Ross was asked to accept a package of books as an addition to his already valuable library which he did at with other officials and servants of the Hudson's Bay Company.

He died at Toronto Ontario, June 21 1874 and is survived by his wife and whose home is in Winnipeg Man Hoba, and by his daughter Mary Annabelle (Mrs George A. Graham, Fort William, Ontario.) He was a Mason and a member of the Anglican church

Note—The paper was given by Guy Page at the December meeting of the Thunder Bay historical society 1930

ethnologist and museums of the United States, two of whom must be presidents of the city of Washington and four of different states of the Union. The secretary of the Establishment and of the Board of Regents is also the secretary of the Institution and director of his activities. The activities of the Institution fall under the heads of the Institution proper, the National museum, the International exchanges, the bureau of American ethnology, the national zoological park and the astrophysical observatory.

The library is at once magnificent many of the books are lodged in the Congressional Library and it is there some of the books on North American Indians, written by Bernard Regan, Ross, are to be found and it was there that Gay Page discovered the connection between Fort William and his magnificent treasure-house of knowledge for the books written by Mr. Ross give the key to the value of the exhibits in the museum with which the research work of the writer was connected.

The present secretary is Charles Walcott, elected in 1907, and it was the first time this great palaeontologist and geologist had an personal connection with Fort William in his account the valuable deposits, that made him accessible to the Fort William writer in 1912 for it is under ordinary circumstances, easier to obtain an interview with the President of the United States than with the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution. But it is name at Fort William on the card sent to his office with a request to see him view was the Open Sesame to the great personage of the Fort William writer in search of many. On that occasion as on the occasion of several visits since then, he was very granted an interview but not asked me with the work of procuring for the records of the Smithsonian Institution the biographical history of Bernard Ross information which he had for years tried in vain to obtain.

The great beauty of dwelling in the coastal mountains would be partly when the restless thought, he was she not well acquainted with both the widow and the daughter of the great collector and scholar named in North American Indian lore and history? That it was not so easy as at first appeared and it was not until 1915 that the authentic documents were given into the hands of the writer by Mrs. Bernard Ross now a resident of Winnipeg.

It is with the harness of chronology that I have had the honor to be conducted and Dr. Hough curator of ethnology in presiding on the 1st October said in reference to the hope expressed in a letter to the department that through the international exchanges some of the Bernard Ross duplicate exhibits might be secured for the national museum at Ottawa. You can always make sure but you Canadians should not expect us to give over to you the treasures which we have guarded and preserved and so highly prized for so many years. Felt Wm. Graham he said, that your father was of the greatest service to the department and he collected and presented to us the best most valuable and most complete exhibits illustrating the Hurons of the North West Indians, that are in existence. These exhibits occupy a large area of the new museum and the duplicates are now being sought by State museums, for each group is full in detail of the customs both in and characteristic of the race they represent. They are known to all the world he said.

I told him how Sir Frank and Lady Newnes, of the Imperial Press party had said to me in Montreal when I told them I intended visiting Washington before my return to Fort William. He drew to visit the Smithsonian institution and see the wonderful exhibits of dress implements of household industry and war that were used by the Indians of Canada. He could understand how proud I was in that I owned that the Mrs. George A. Graham whom they had met in Fort William was the daughter of the authority was who had presented the collection and had written for the Washington library such valuable books as historical records of his work. They were told also that the hours shuttered when Mrs. Graham by King George in 1915 when she was made a Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem was not only in recognition of her services to her wife in war relief and other

REV D W McKERACHER

Extracts from Rev. D. W. McKeracher's Diary of 1873

BY MISS BELLE BOYD

The following very interesting notes from the diary of the late Rev D. McKeracher Presbyterian minister, who officiated at Port Arthur and Fort William in the early 70's, were copied and presented to the Historical Society by Miss Belle Boyd.

1873 —Silver Islet was under the Students' Knox College Missionary Society and it opened for the first in 1873 Rev D H McPherson being placed in charge. Prince Arthur's Landing was under the Home Mission Committee.

Extracts From Rev D. McKeracher's Diary 1873.

1873 May 8.—Embarked on the "Manitoba" at Gaderich.

1873 May 10—Visited at Sault Ste. Marie

1873, May 12—Embarked on Chicora for Port Arthur

May 15.—Arrived. Met several friends. Dined with Rev Mr Hobden of Wesleyan Methodist. (Mother says he proved a faithful friend to the end.) Kindly read by Mr Dabie into his house till a more suitable place to found (one of the pillars of the Presbyterian cause from the begin ning.)

Friday May 16.—Made arrange ments with Mr Halstead to preach on Sabbath morning in his meeting place in the basement of his church.

May 17.—Went over in the morning on the log to Fort William saw Mr Oliver and made the acquaintance of some others. Returned by the tug 25 cents each way.

May 18.—Preached in the morning to a congregation of about fifty in the the basement of the Methodist church kindly given by Mr Halstead. After dinner went in the tug "Mose" to the Fort and preached to about twenty. Went thence to Mr J. McKellar's kind and intelligent people

May 22.—Engaged from Mr Macharr to hire for a church.

May 25.—Preached in the morning at the Landing. Attendance about sixty. Would probably have been larger were it not that the steamer Manitoba was in sight. She was at the dock when we came out. The captain had the good sense not to whistle consequently the congregation were not disturbed.

Was rowed over to the Fort by two young men, Cameron and McKenzie, and preached to about twenty. There is not that interest taken there that we should expect. Several should who should be there.

May 26.—Joined the Temperance League at this place. Temperance is very much needed in this place.

May 28.—Had some talk with Mr McGillivray re the church lots and also with Mr Macharr who said he would write to Mr Johnson re the one set apart by the government.

June 4.—Left by the Cumberland for Silver Islet. Reached Silver in 1st about 9 o'clock. Met by Mr McPherson (This would be Rev H. H. McPherson who was missionary at the later when father was at the Landing. He belonged to the Knox College class at 1874)

June 8.—Sabbath ached on the afternoon

June 17—Left on the p.m. with Mr McPherson Mr Halstead and Mr Fleming for the top of McKay's mountain. Mistook the nearest way so for the first and at ten o'clock camped on the top of the second Shuff Nanner My God to Thee intended not wise to start so late in the day at such considerable

June 18—Rained. Our tent was small and some rain came through it. Ar worth a after breakfast we sang "Rock of Ages" probably where it had never been sung before

June 21 Arranged with Mr McGillivray (McGillivray) for a Congregational meeting

June 24—Received a letter from Mr Macharr being a letter received from Mr Johnson assistant commissioner of crown lands Toronto stat-

ing that by an order in council the Canada presbyterian church was entitled to a patent for Park lot No. 4 North Front street, Prince Arthur's Landing.

Did not succeed in having a meeting this evening as intimated on Sabbath. Pain is the trust in man. May we be led to a higher

July 1 to 8—Visiting in connection with organization of Sabbath school.

July 8.—Had a meeting at Mr. Ross' this evening at which Rev Mr Black baptised Mr Ross' child. Mr McKinnon's and Mrs. Finla (The Rev. Mr. Black was Rev Dr Black of Kildonan, Man. My brother's wife is a niece of Dr. Black's, being a daughter of the late Rev Jas Black of Hamilton)

July 15.—Received Mr (Adam) Oliver's consent to use his name as one of our trustees for church lot

July 21—After tea had a meeting at Miss Camerons when Mr Oliver Mr Macrossod and Mr McQuarrey were elected as trustees to hold the property of the congregation (5 1/2 acres) Also Mr Maitland Mr Dobie and Mr McDonald were elected a committee of management.

July 23—The Str Princess Smith came in near 12 p.m. having Mr Ramsdene of the Sault and friends from Toronto on board. Rev Mr McDonel of St Andrew's church Toronto and Rev Mr Carmichael of King both of the church of Scotland on board, bound for Manitoba on a trip

August 1—Wrote to the Crown Lands department for patent for Church lot here

August 5—The Cumberland came and stayed all night. A dance on board to Superintendent people

Aug 20—The Manitoba was now aid in to Fort William this morning. The first large steamer that has arrived there. The Hon. A. McKellar commissioner of public works was on board

Aug 22—Just finished writing sermon on Ps 72 24 Thou Shalt Guide Me With Thy Counsel and Afterward Receive Me Into Glory O that I resigned myself more fully to this guidance that I were more watchful against everything that would be displeasing to Him Who takes me by the hand and guides me to glory. O Lord set me by Thy holy spirit that I may have more of the mind of Christ.

Aug 23—Last night we all had a scare from fire. Mr. Shaherty's (Dougherty, I don't know which it is) hotel was burnt to the ground Canewhiskey and all the morning it has spanned up a bar in a shanty across the street. (Several references occur through the diary on the need for temperance) I once heard Dr. Pringle of the Yukon in a sermon make the remark that "Fort Arthur was harder in the pleasure days than the Yukon ever was" There were 26 places in Fort Arthur selling liquor when father went there the population was fluctuating varying from 800 to 1000

Aug 24—Str Frances Smith at the dock and effectively destroying the Sabbath quiet. About 60 at church Collection for the students mission foreign society Amount 18.55

Aug 28—A reference to an excursion to Isle Royle concludes "The weather being mixed and there was too much liquor drank on board This letter certainly in the disagreeable features of excursions in this part of the country

Aug 31—Twelve at the Sabbath school. No teacher. Sang several hymns with the children and read the 17th of John with a few remarks Preached in the evening to about 70 from Ps 73.24 The evening was raining which had some at home.

Sept 1—Write at dinner Mr Ing Jeanie Gilmor came in Silver Islet with Rev D Gordon this old pastor Ralph Connor's father and Mr Mc Pherson on board West with them round Black Bay to McGoon Island The log lodge was a new thing on starting back. Good lesson through Mark 9 pitching An episode Whiskey in the cups of this country Got back to Silver Islet about 5 a.m and succeeded in finding my way into Mr John Davidson's

Sept 7—Rev D Gordon preached on Sabbath evening to over 100 from Ps 23 1-2. His discourse was marked by his usual vigor of thought and delivery and it was well listened to throughout

Sept. 18—Roused by the morning by Mr ——— in the Iron excessive drinking. Thought that he was dead several times. Oh what a dreadful curse liquor is and how infatuated men must be who drink after witnessing such scenes as these!

Sept 21—Morning wet and gloomy. Attendance small. Held morning service about 8½ at Port William in the afternoon. About 120 at the Landing in the evening.

This is to be my last Sabbath here. What spiritual good may come as the fruit of my labours, I may not be able to tell. I have sought to sow the seed. I trust that another may be privileged to gather the harvest to God's glory.

Sept 23—Received from Mr Doble for seat $10. Received through Mr Doble from Mr John McKellar for my services at the Fort the sum of $28.22.

Sept 24—Left the Landing in the Manitoba. Promised to write to any enquiries among them. J D Brown W C Doble A. Mallard, Thos. Penfold, Mrs Rose R. E Mitchell.

Sept 26—When we awoke this morning we found ourselves at Michipicoten R. Here they went on shore the cattle taken on board yesterday. Three men got into a boat and the cattle with ropes in their horns were thrown overboard and towed to shore.

A foggy and stormy voyage. Compelling them to anchor at eights.

God has cared for us through dangers seen and unseen.

March 31 1874 Decided to go to Thunder Bay at the request of the St Maries committee

Jn 7 Examination of candidates for license

July 5 Began collecting for church at Prince Arthur Landing

July 20 Ordained by Toronto Presbytery

July 31 to 36 Collecting among Toronto friends

July 31 Left for Prince Arthurs Landing

Aug 3 Reached the Landing about 11 p.m.

Aug 5 Came to board at Miss Cameron's.

Aug 7 Baptised Mr Doble's child, my first official act here since my return

Aug 8 Preached. In the morning in the Methodist church P. A. Landing and in the evening at Mr Oliver's office at the River to his men

Aug 10 Had a meeting of the Managing Committee in the evening at Mr Doble's.

Messrs Maitland Grant, Doble and McDonald appointed to solicit subscription for building a church.

Aug 12 Must make arrangements for cottage prayer meeting if possible for we can have no other

Aug 13 Went over to the Fort in the afternoon to see about the time and place of service

Aug. 14 Tried to induce the canvassers to solicit subscriptions for the erection of the church to begin their work but failed

Aug 16 Walked over to the Fort accompanied by Mr McIntosh and preached from Job. 42 24. The attendance was good but might be better

Aug 24 In the morning went to see the lumber for sale at the dock. Found them unloading and Mr Nichols assured me if we needed the lumber for a church we should have it at cost which is $12.00 per m. free on wharfage

Sept 4. Prayer-meeting at Mr Doble's. Afterwards Sabbath School. Singing practice afterwards

Sept 11. Cloudy and dull. Toward evening the sun shone very beautifully on Thunder Cape. Most of the Bay between here and there was under a thick dark cloud and it left the top of the Cape from the rest of the lower part was bathed in the sunshine. The surrounding dark shadows made the sunlight appear very beautiful. How marvellous are all Thy works O God. In wisdom hast Thou made them all.

Sept. 12 Sunset on the Bay very beautiful. A few thin feathery clouds in the sky tinged with a deep red reflected on a bay smooth as glass. A red sky stretched overhead and a red sky stretched beneath our feet. Heaven above. Heaven below. God everywhere.

"The Heavens God's glory do declare,
The skies his handiworks preach."

Sept. 27. Visited several parties in the afternoon and made arrangements for a meeting of the committee of management to appoint a building committee.

At the meeting tonight the following Building Committee was appointed with power to add to their number. Peter Nicolson, Rebt. Maitland T. S. Horner D. McKercher.

Sept. 31. At a conference with Mr Maitland this afternoon we appointed the following officers for a branch of the Bible Society at P. A. Landing. Rev. Wm. Maitland, pres; Rev. D. McKercher vice-president; Mr E. Mitchell, secretary Mr Sproule depositary. Mr Cameron treasurer. Mr Robt. Maitland committee; Mr Wm Parks Mr John Nolan.

This afternoon at Mr Horner's Mr Maitland Mr Horner and myself met and Mr Smart was decided to advertise for tenders for building the church.

Received from Mr Doble for salary $20.16

Sept. 23 Received $23.60 from J McKellar for salary Gave $5.00 toward the building of the school house at the river

Sept. 29 Doubtful whether we should proceed with the church or not There is still some uncertainty about the place

Sept. 30 Sabbath School excursion and picnic on Welcome Island All passed off well. The day was very fine for so late in the season.

Oct. 2. Message from Mr Young about specifications for church We must go on with it them and use them we have.

O Lord guide us and give us wisdom in this matter and may a place of worship be built where many souls shall be born anew unto God Prepare us for the service of Thy day and hours

Oct 4 Walker to the Fort and preached for the 2nd time in the new school house It is a good congregation.

Oct 6 Hodgeworks to get new plans for the church

Oct 7 Meeting of the Building Committee Mr Neil Shaw to draw up specifications in accordance with the plan furnished.

Oct. 10 Let contract for church to Mr Jas. Ross for $450.00.

Oct. 12. Friend Mr. Oliver would not furnish the lumber for the church as expected

Oct. 13 Seeing the difficulties in the way of obtaining the material for the church, I drew out a plan for a lecture room, which I had commenced myself to erect of our people. Called on Mr. Halstead about the heating of the church and was told that they considered it would cost $150.00 of which we would be expected to pay half. I said I would report that to the committee.

Oct 14. Difficulties in the way of church building, which as before, but the lecture room scheme go ahead in favor

Meeting of Managing Committee tonight Resolution delaying action in regard to the Methodist church pass and also resolution urging the committee to build a lecture room immediately

Oct 15 Saw Mr Oliver this morning and found that he had got 2-3 cash down and the other 1-3 next autumn at a proposal which we are unable to meet. Gave Mr Oliver a bill of the lumber required for the smaller building

Oct. 16 Ordered window sash for the lecture room Drew up specifications for the lecture room in company with Mr Neil Shaw

Oct. 20 Found Mr Ross was willing to accept the Committee's offer for the building of the lecture room

Oct 22. Married to Mary Matheson daughter of Mr F Matheson Shortly Scotland the Mathesons of Rossshire

Nov 2 First "meeting" Mr McNabb known as Arthur church.

Nov 23 Organized a Sabbath school at the Fort. Superintendent Mr Peter McKellar

Teachers—Mrs. Neil White Miss M McIntyre Miss C. McVicar Miss K McKellar

Dec 23 Christmas tree and bazaar in aid of Presbyterian church, kept in dining room of Queen's hotel solely under the management of Mrs D M Fleckwood. Financial success.

Dec. 24 Rev chiefly spent in [illegible]ting out the lectures room

Sun. Dec 27. Opening of our new lectures room for divine worship. Whether until Good Attendance Texts for the day Morning Is 40 25. Afternoon Ps 72 8. In the evening Rev Mr Halstead preached from Mat. 23 8.

In connection with the Christmas tree actions of the young people wished to have a dance at the old Father [illegible] mother in law a request which they never regretted Mother saying she will rather see the money in the bottom of the lake than that they should say the Presbyterian Christmas tree ended in a dance

Feb 29, 1875 Meeting of Building and Managing Committees Affairs connected with the above meeting appointed Mr Peter Nicolson's name was added to the Committee of Management

March 8 First session sermons Hours This evening being the meeting for the nomination for the eldership the following were nominated

Hasimale Sinclair Sr Neil Maitland John McKinnon Jas Craig Wm. Mackwood. John Somerville.

The last two gentlemen have since said in written withdrawals

March 14 Mr Ben Sinclair sr and Mr Neil Maitland first session were elected to be elders for P A Landing

March 18 After vainly attempting to reach the Maitlawan for two days because of a severe snowstorm I reached there about 7 p.m. and united in marriage Mr Emery La Londe and Miss Mary Aitkins This is the first couple I have married Mary they be happy

April 4 At the close of the service ordained Mr Beelamale Sinclair Sr and Mr Robt. Maitland as elders This constituted the first session of the Presbyterian church at Prince Arthur's Landing May the Lord give us all grace for our duties

April 23 Was in the afternoon of a social for the children of the S S of the river the first ever held there All passed off very pleasantly

July 3 Meeting of Building Committee at which it was decided to advertise for tenders for the erection of a manse.

July 19. Building Committee found there were three tenders for the manse varying from $1,185-00 to $725

November 5 Mr Wright sub pulander 500 found as Superintendent of the Sabbath School.

November 17 Moved to manse

Dec 5 Special collection for Knox College over $9-00 This is the first collection for an outside object ever taken at this place.

Father left P A Landing in October 1880. In 1883 he was sent or destined to 274 he went as an ordained missionary at the request of the P A Landing people He remained there as an ordained mission ary

When the C P R was being built he voluntarily went half way up the line to Winnipeg as minister to the men He had the oversight of missionaries at Silver Islet and other points The lecture room and manse at Pt Arthur and the church at the Town Plot (Port William) were built and paid for while he was there. Mr Herald was his successor

The lecture room was first sold and to accommodate the public school was leased to the lecture room the first winter

Father left it as the lecture room would serve the purpose while the town was small and that any church they would be able to build that would be entirely inadequate a few years later The lecture room was later sold for a dwelling There is an old photo in the house showing the lecture room the first manse where Bentley went as a bride Father and mother are in the picture going up to the door The picture was taken by a nephew of the late Lord Tennyson who was living in Port Arthur at the time.

When father was asked by the H M Committee what type of man they needed sent for the C P R. work, he replied to send a man who was physically fit, a man who would be able to help a teamster with a load of pork and flour and a rod and line as the work and fare after he got to his destination Revs Hamilton and J R Johnston were mission aries to Silver Islet as well as Revs. Caswell and McPherson when father was at the Landing

We have also an old photo of the pupils and teachers in the P. School at Port Arthur. Mr. Wright was principal and Isabella Dobie one of the pupils.

The following lists appear in a note book:

A Landing S. School July 7 1872

1. Wilson Cameron.
2. John McKinnon
3. Mary Cameron.
4. Mary McKinnon
5. Milly Cooper
6. Elizabeth Flora Wilcox
7. Robert McGillvray
8. William McGillvray
9. Frank Wilcox.
10. Christina Jane Cameron
11. Carrie May Young.
12. Lillie Ross
13. Ada Ross
14. Isabella Dobie
15. Robert Emmons.
16. Frank Emmons
17. Caroline Jones
18. Marion Jones
19. Margaret Victoria Jones.
20. John Henry Gardner

The teachers were Mr McKinnon Mr Smith Miss McKinnon Mr Mc Innis.

Some other lists written in lead pencil are now so faded that it is almost impossible to read them

Hudson Bay Reminiscences

by N. M. W. J. McKenzie

PAPER given and read before a regular meeting of the THUNDER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY February 27th 1928, by N. M. W. J. McKENZIE reminiscences of the EASTERN DISTRICTS of the HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the THUNDER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I will begin my address with the simple observation that I will try to lateness and amuse you for a while in events, conditions and historical facts in respect to the Hudson's Bay company its officers trading posts, and Indians which prevailed in the District in the years, 1856, 1857 and 1858 up to 1920 I have been among the several districts of the Hudsons Bay company chosen this District not the dates for the special reason that many of the names of persons and places that I will introduced will be more or less familiar a some of you

Moose Factory on James Bay was the Headquarters of who was I one knows as the Southern Department, while Lachaine all this part of the country Chief Factor Miles was the Officer In charge of Moose Factory at that time I may say that I went to school with two of his sons, that were sent home to be educated in the Orkney Islands The headquarters of this particular district I knew and designated them, as well as now as Lake Superior District, was Michipicoten and under his jurisdiction were the trading ports, St. Ignace, Fort William Slippery Long Lake The Pic, Heron Bay Animie, Missinaibie, Red Rock and several other smaller places, called outposts for winter I using The gentlemen in charge of the district was chief factor John McKenzie. The gentlemen in charge had many brave and responsible duties outside of the actual direction of the leading and commercial interests entrusted to him by the Hudson's Bay company.

I will now relate one or two incidents in the gentleman's own words, writing to one of his postmasters.

Mr Jas. Mackenzie at Long Lake, which is part reads as follows

In your letter of the 21st of January was duly received with its enclosures accompanying, on the 3rd of last month. By it I was glad to learn that your health had promised you would be with them in that locality, as the last letter I had from you I think that is the last we may hear from you before Spring. In Albany and perhaps have been supplied their winter advances at that Post. If has even those Indians are known as Keewatin's who I spoke to you about last August, having run away with one of the Albany Indian wives, I should not be at all surprised that some evil as often has befallen them its good enough if can my attention to this matter when you come here in the spring and the interests Indians comes, also to John McLeod the gentleman in charge of Albany on the subject I hope you will be able to manage to arrange with Kenoense about restoring the Albany Indian woman to her friends and lawful husband Moses at Albany and if you succeed bring the woman here with you and I shall give her a message to her Noble and Generous in Jesse in order that she may return to Albany to his former lawful husband without further molestation I may here say that if he on record that her former lawful husband received his without asking any questions, and she presented him with a pair of fancy silk worked moccasins and they lived happily together for many years afterwards. The chief factor without losing any further time proceeded with the next order of business and continuing his letter the next paragraph said

I observe that the governor and council last summer at Newway house resolved, that you (among other clerks) Be offered £100 per annum on a three year contract commencing first June 1857 I thegreteru an consent of regularity excepting you no engagement to sign which do in presence of two witnesses and return the an agreement to me first opportunity. He then apparently immediately wrote a letter to Mr Louis Dennis Desmarais in charge of Nipigon Fort where wives and other is creating subjects were not last night of Mr appears through all his correspondence to have the smallest desire at his disposal and as it should by and never fails to impress on all his stations agents the necessity of economy and to look well to the welfare of the natives entrusted to his care, and especially to his women and children He says he part is Mr Dallerville Tyrrs services here this season will not be required and in that case you will set sail from Nipigon to Virginia landing with you Bostaard and Sam Collis as your assistant men. You must on no account make arrangements with the Indians you must here with your returns, that If their services are required to take boats for Michipicoten to the Long Portage and back, they will go without grumble or too much hesitation, which they will be sold the same price as our Michipicoten engaged Indians was £5 each for the trip. Under the same quantity of flour as a gratuity as they had last year. I observed in the season that a great number of women and children had accompanied the crews of yours and the Fort Hope boats to this place and for why? Though I have made enquiries I can not ascertain it cannot be that the women and children accompany their husband to draw their government annuities, for the greater part, indeed I may say all of the Michipicoten people receive their annuities at Fort William & therefore hope you will endeavor to prevent as much as possible any such unusual visit at Michipicoten of the Nipigon Indies and their youngsters, for you know as well as I do that our means of feeding in summer even the Michipicoten Indians are not over abundant Collis and Deschamps at any rate ought to have no excuse for debasing their wives here as it is my intention they return at once to Nipigon. The Indians indeed, might have more excuse and my first duty would not come here without their wives in which case we must submit but I hope you will with your excellent way you have with them endeavor to point out to those who much better their wives would be left on this island, and not they themselves would have at their voyaging rations it their own disposal Try you best.

The Indians from Albany Martin Falls Osnaburgh all Follow to James Bay District sometimes south to Lake Superior District to trade and I consider they would have their visits outside ding in James Bay This used to cause considerable friction between the natives and in this connection He wrote letters to the Post-managers at Long Lake the Pic Nipigon and Red Rock Wilson and said if I write Mr Miles last a note regarding advance at Moose Falls and Osnaburgh Indians of Lake Superior district as usual they established at the Lake Superior gentlemen He further advances will however be given to the Bay or Lake Superior Indians and that I have to request that should any of their Indians come you may that whenever fare you remain from them he credited to their Post and account charged in the same way This was done to prevent the Indians from wandering outside their own district and also to keep them within the bounds of the post they were attached to and when they received their advances in the fall The trees must indeed have to be real rascals to not pay their debts. This rule and regulation has a good effect throughout the whole country and there was never any more trouble in the consequence. I observe you written to Mr John McIntyre who was in charge of Fort William he says On looking over the accounts of last winter I find that no provisions were furnished Sh George Simpson's crews for the voyage to the interior at Fort William It is possible, but improbable that they might have had enough on hand Please inform me on this point."

(11th May 1857) There is in a nutshell here this summer and as it

is likely more than the usual number of members will be present, I will have to look to you for a supply of provisions for the occasion. If you have a good year the ox you will please send him down by the vessel but if not a rail at this spring will suffice the purpose and other supplies as good butter cheese eggs, etc I shall expect from you when the ice season passes Fort William on its way down or any other opportunity which may exist ing about the beginning of July I anticipate good returns from all posts in the district as metters appear to have been numerous and some of the Indians have suffered from starvat on during the winter

The church log warehouse for Lake Superior and Lake Huron districts was at the Sault Ste Marie and a points at Sir George Simpson was in charge whose name was also Simpson On 16th 10th at June 1857 Mr Mackenzie wrote to him as follows This schooner arrived here this afternoon from Fort William and weather permitting she will set sail early tomorrow for the Sault Ste Marie I could feel obliged by your loading if it can be done at one peak of Winkey In those days pord maple sugar 50 or 70 barrels of flour lard and tallow and a couple of barrels of stay chips I beg to refer to the cargo bard for the schooner on board the schooner Mr McIntyre has mad out a bill and to contain £ 90 in cash and from this place I forward some hard ting amounting to £ 200 received from Means Factory Bad schooner which sums please carry to the credit of this district on the 15th After reaching at Lake Huron for returns please send the schooner back as soon as possible I send by this opportunity the bill leaves you indebted to which I hope you will find a good one, an also sundry items in my requisition of last year Whatever English goods may have arrived at the Sault for either Michipicoten or Fort William please put on board the trip and should here do any room in the vessel it can be filled up with the remainder of the cargo such as coarse says, pork, flour and salt If you can supply 40 gallons whiskey for Fort William I would feel obliged as from the leakage in the 2 casks sent up last fall we were reduced at that sell ele. I re-ship to the vessel the English goods received last trip for Fort William I will write to Mr McIntyre directing him what sacrifice to take out of the vessel when she arrives there I would wish his schooner to be back at Fort William by the 25th or 30th inst. and any letters for Sir George Simpson had better be sent by her

August 23rd 1857) On the 23rd at August 18s7 Chief Factor McKenzie was appointed to the charge of the District and Chief Trader Will Hem Watt was appointed by order of council in his stead to the charge of Lake Superior district with headquarte s at Michipicoten

The foregoing will give you a good idea of the general routine of one of the old Hudson's Bay districts Fort William was one of the best posts in the district. They had quite a farm here and raised small stocks of grain pigs cattle, hens geese turkeys, ducks and vegetables besides there there were extensive fisheries here and at Nipigon besides supplying several of the Island Posts with cured fish and other provisions many schooner cargoes were down to Sault Ste Marie were were disposed of to good advantage and considered as a business profit The gentlemen in charge of the district had to visit each post in the district at least once in each year This trip was generally made during the summer and at all possible time the route in general inspection at all and sundry equipment and gave his personal attention as well as written instructions regarding advances to Indians and also the conduct of the trade generally during the following winter

On the 26th at August 1857 W Ware writing to Mr W B Simpson at the Sault Ste Marie says in part

I enclose say when the Isabel (that is the schooner will again go to the Sault, more than likely I will not send her until she goes with the produce of the Fort William fishing late in the fall which I doubt will not suit Miss McIntyre for in that case she could only go to this place in the vessel and the chances will be very small indeed of the young lady joining her parents this season at Fort William I imagined that Miss McIntyre arrived safely at Fort William

on the schooner Isabel made two voyages from the Sault to Fort William that same fall One voyage being recorded as a special trip

Chief Factor Peter Bell was in charge at Lake Superior district about 1870 He was a man well and favorably known in this district After he retired he went for a trip in Dawson City in the Yukon When returning the steamboat he was on encountered bad weather and was wrecked he and many others of the passenger and crew were drowned There is a station on the Canadian Northern railway north of here called Peter Bell, so named in memory of him.

Donald McTavish was also in charge of this district

In after years, 1881 Alexander Mathieson was in charge of the district with headquarters at Fort William, and where the headquarters of the district still remains. He lived to a good old age and was buried at Nipigon

Fort William was at one time the most important place west of Montreal and had a population in 1811 of about 2,500, which is over a century ago. It has a population today of about 20,000

Fort William ceased to be a Hudson's Bay company fur trading post in 1881 when the company built on Simpson street, one of their line of sale shops which were distinct from their fur posts I was dressed down in 1901 and has not been re-built Mr M S. Rendall was the manager and has since retired on pension

Lake Superior district office is now located at 135 north May street in this city from which over 20 posts in the interior receive their instructions and guidance, but in years gone by Mr successor and previous Assistant District Manager Mr John Duncan MacKenzie being the gentleman in charge of the district at the present time Some of the old posts of 1857 are still doing business, notably Michipicoten Long Lake and Nipigon The following is the present February 1930 incumbent of Lake Superior district and a list of the post managers in this district as at present constituted who look to their district officer John Duncan MacKenzie, Esq for instructions and guidance in the fur trade

Executive officers, at Fort William 135 North May street.

John Duncan MacKenzie, district manager

Henry G Woods assistant district manager

J. H. A. Wilmot, district accountant

Alex Anderson, clerk

Percy Crawshaw, clerk

List of posts in Lake Superior district, February 1930

White Dog—Thomas Young manager

Ogoki Mine Lake—Baptiste Fisher manager

Osnaburg—Richard Hooker manager

Lac Seul—Jubee Williams, manager

Wabuskang

Grassy Narrows—Donald Murdoch manager

Dinorwic—Lorne Johnson manager

Fort Hope—Sidney A Taylor manager

Attawapiskat—Thomas E Rhodes manager

Graham—Laurie J Williams manager

Hudson—Harold E Race manager

Pine Ridge—Robert Young manager

Banks—Henry Lawson manager

Cat Lake—Alex Lawson manager

Savant—David Wright manager

Allanwater—Fred Kendrosha manager

Nipigon House—Patrick McGuire manager

Mobert—Henry Bosch, manager

Long Lake—Phillip H Godsell Manager

Rawhide—Hulver Halverson manager

Minaretchin—Peter Finlayson manager

Nipigon—Norbert B Williams manager

Mattice—Frank H. Alders, manager

In 1909—10 I was inspecting officer in Peace River and Athabasca districts. In 1910 I was appointed to take charge of Lake Huron district with headquarters at North Bay On my appointment to the charge of Lake Superior district in 1912 the post managers of Lake Huron presented Mrs MacKenzie and myself with a beautiful illuminated address accompanied with a solid silver tea

set as a token of their appreciation friendship and good will which existed between us and all the servants in the district On my further promotion in 1914 to be general manager of all the eastern districts of the Hudson's Bay company with headquarters in Winnipg and Montreal, the staff of Lake Superior district presented me with a handsome grandfathe clock and a beautifully illuminated address which reads as follows

A D 1871 The Hudson's Bay Company A D 1911 Lake Superior District Fort William Oct. December 18th, 1914

To N M W J MacKenzie
General Manager Eastern Districts.
Hudson's Bay Company

Sir It is with mingled feelings that we must you today to bid you farewell upon your retirement from the position which you have held for the past two years as manager of the Lake Superior district to assume a wider command as manager of the whole eastern district of the territory embraced by the widespread arms of the Hudsons Bay company a vast kingdom whose area is equal to a record of the continent of Europe

During your term at office in this district we can assure you that you have gained the respect and esteem of your employes, and we know that to the wider field which is now open to you activities bringing with the wider opportunities for the administrative ability which has marked your career here the same qualities which have caused you the goodwill and cooperation of all who have worked under you which we feel as a personal loss to ourselves, may open up for you the avenue to your further advancement

The swift passing of time makes it seem but a brief space since you entered upon your duties in this field, but the better to mark the flight of the minutes and hours of the many years which we trust remain for your self and Mrs MacKenzie to enjoy we ask you to accept this clock as a reminder of the friends whom you both made here and ask you to believe that no matter how many years may be stated off on the dial the memory of your administration will remain as a pleasant recollection in our lives.

As the larger territory which you are leaving us to control includes the smaller area of your former jurisdiction we trust that from time to time the friendships which have grown up between us will not lapse but be renewed as year rattles on you to revisit your old district

Signed on behalf of the staff

John D. MacKenzie district was agar

J T Harbert district accountant
F F Alfers White Dog post manager
Jabez Williams Osnaburg post manager
Chas H. M Gordon Lac Seul post manager
John O Mackenzie, Dinorwic post manager
S A Taylor Fort Hope post manager
D. Marchbee Whitedog Lodge post manager
L. Yelland, Mobert post manager
W L. Thomson Long Lake post manager
F H Goodsell and J Robertson Minaki the post managers
J J Barker Nipigon post manager

The original Fort Williams stood on the banks of the Kaministiquia river near a network of C P R. tracks and on the spot where the Hudson's Bay and northwest company's were established. In 1821 stands a memorial tablet erected by the Thunder Bay historical society in 1914 to commemorate the locality made famous by the pioneer for traders of the great northwest. The tablet stands on McTavish street and was unveiled by Sir George Foster by the presence of a large number of representative Fort William citizens. It is well worth a visit and should be specially pointed out to tourists as one of the most interesting and historical monuments in Canada where history is chiseled out from 1670 to date on a ribbed red granite tablet which is fully described in the wonderful and beautiful souvenir pamphlet compiled and issued by Mr. Peter MacKellar the treasurer of the Historical Society of Thunder Bay with whom the idea of this Memorial Tablet first originated together with the assistance of Miss M J L. Black who was secretary-treasurer of the society and all the other members of the society whose

thoughtfulness energy and ability made the erection of this historical monument possible so that future generations for all time can read on the engraved tablet the history of the past where the early pioneers, our ancestors were not afraid to blaze the trail and prepare the way for the millions that are yet to arrive in this great Canada of ours, where the history is written and preserved in Tablets and monuments of stone and all the nations are in greatest deeds of valor and distinction for the uplifting of humanity and the higher ideals of civilization and good will among all members of the human race

Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen I must now thank you for your kind attention in listening to my very lengthy paper and hope something may be found in it that will be useful and valuable to future historians. I have therefore Mr President, much pleasure in presenting my paper through you to the Thunder Bay historical society as its custodians

Again thanking you I will wish you all goodnight and pleasant dreams

Fort William February 27th, 1920

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Half-Breed Rebellion of 1885

BY N. M. W. J. McKENZIE B

On the 26th of March, 1885 at Duck Lake the first shot was fired where original volunteer citizens of Prince Albert, North West Mounted Policemen and a number of the half breed Rebels, were either killed or wounded. The next day and the wild-fire throughout the Dumle on troops were rushed from the East after command of General Middleton. All right, the fight was on the second it war was in the air I am only going to touch very lightly on the serious happenings of the next few months and it is first necessary to go back some years to find the cause and chain of circumstances that led up to, and culminated in, this war to be declared 26th of March 1885.

I will be as brief as possible and will at once say that the Rebellion of 1869-70 and the rebellion of 1885 was the ambitious and malicious ambition of one man of the bottom of it all political aggrandizement at the expense of a few unsophisticated half breeds whom he was using as a tools in trying to extort more money from the government for his own private use when the words leave them in the lurch as he had done after the 1870 affair when he pocketed the money that was paid him to leave the country for the time being, and took up residence in the U. S. A. being of half than a legitime Iron Justice, I mean "Lou s Ridel

He was a naturalized citizen of the United States, teaching school in Montana in 1884 when he was levied on by some of the influential half breeds in Saskatchewan to come to Canada and assist them to impress their wishes upon the government at Ottawa to grant them scrip to extinguish their rights as was being done with the Indians by Treaty. Louis Riel saw a chance here to make another claim for indemnity as the government if he would again leave the country and claimed $100,000 but said he would take $35,000 in cash and go at once That was in Dec 1884 he claimed that the Canadian government owed him about $100,000.00 and that he was practically 1 s half breed question, and said if I am satisfied the half breeds will do

The half breeds began to smell a rat now and said If the federal government should grant him like the half breed question was d still remain the same and Riel would be 1 e only one to profit of their expense Louis Riel was well educated extremely visionary and deep grossly imaginary He had his unsettled things to his brain as this time he wanted to learn and create a Republic with himself as President He had offered all kinds of appointments to the Lieutenants and followers coupled with untold wealth. If he would take $100 000 for his share and leave the country. The former his objective the latter his alternative He did get attain either but was hanged for treason at Regina on May 16th 1885, after being given a fair and just trial

I was at this time in charge of the H. B. Co's Post at Crooked Lakes, where the Indians were being gather ed in from the great plains after the disappearance of the Buffalo, and placed on large Reservations by the Government. Where the Institute and seedy among them were being regularly rationed and clothed

In the spring of 1884, we had a little Rebellion on the Reserve. The Indians thought they were not getting enough rations so they took the law into their own hands, and broke into the Government Provision Stores and helped themselves to what they took all the flour and bacon they required Excitement was high throughout the whole camp. This called for quick action on the part of the Government a detachment of Mounted police was sent down from Regina, things did not look at all healthy for a day or two, as they resisted arrest and barricaded themselves in a building all fully armed and in their war-paint.

The ringleaders were ultimately arrested taken to Regina, tried and given suspended sentence explaining

fully to them what that meant.

The rations were increased after that but it took some time for the excitement of the whole episode to die out. I just mention this incident as there were over one thousand Indians [illegible] to this which might easily have become a most serious affair for the government as well as the Indians and was only averted by almost super-human diplomacy I only have give as outline of what took place, having given it full consent of it in detail in its proper place in my book which will be in the hands of the publishers soon. There was very little illness all over the country for a few years at that time, among the white settlers as well as the Indians and half-breeds on account of the great drought which prevailed as well as grasshoppers and early frosts. Many of the settlers were leaving the country during the early spring and disheartened and many others were unable to leave and had to struggle on as best they could, many of the settlers sold their homes ($100 cash) for a mere song in order to get enough grub to take them out of the frozen and dried up country as quickly as possible. The outlook was certainly bleak at that time. The half-breeds were not in any better position than the rest of the settlers many of them moving west towards Battleford and Prince Albert where they thought they might be able to make some kind of a living but as it turned out afterwards they had no inkling of what might take place as they expected that they would get the much talked of scrip that they were to get from the Government at least it was urged applied for by the Saskatchewan rebel leader, Al Crooked Lakes we had all kinds of Indian rumors during the fall and early winter of 1884 yesterday Indian and half breed rumours appeared among the Indians on the Reserves from time to time and disappeared again as mysteriously as they came But there was always undue excitement among the Indians after these periodical visits, which caused my suspicions I knew every Indian and thought I had the confidence of them all but I felt that there was some move coming on the Reserve that they had not told me, most of the half-breeds that were living with Indian women on the Reserve had moved away in the fall, the excuse that they gave their women was that they were going to visit some of their relations at Battleford or some for distant point and would possibly not return till spring. It was well after New Year (86) before I got to the bottom of all these mysterious moves. The young men were holding secret councils and the old ones were also having secret councils This was a very uncommon proceeding and very unusual I found out from some of the women what it was all about These strangers that had been paying apparently friendly visits were some of the instructions of Louis Riel and their business and message was to excite red razor up the Indians to get on the war-path and be on their guard and prepare themselves for anything to happen and kill as soon as they got the signal that there would be great doings before the grass was green again that Riel was going to bring back the buffalo again and that they all would have plenty to eat only be ready to do his bidding—and to make them desirous more of the power that was a man who they could assist and that he would be throwned at noon in a clear sky A whole lot of stuff like that had been talked to them by these runners No wonder these superstitious half breeds and Indians were excited they were wasted and thirsting for blood I got busy and called a meeting of all the chiefs and others to be come to the store gave them a supper and one and a smoke then told them that I knew everything that was going on at all their council meetings although I try had been trying to hide it from me How mad and foolish they were to listen to all the stories that were daily carried around the Reserves by men who did not care for them only to the extent that they could use them for their diabolical purposes and certainly not for the good of the Indians

No matter what Riel was doing it was no concern of theirs the gospel meal had made a treaty with them and was looking after them and they would also look after Riel and punish him if he was doing anything wrong. Why do you not call me to your council meetings lately as you used

to do" Have I not always told you the truth and helped you all many times and now you are listening to men with forked tongues who will bring much trouble on you if you listen and believe their lies The company never told you anything but what was good and I was speaking now what the company has asked me to tell you and this is the reason that I have asked you to come here in daylight as I have nothing but truth to tell you and all the other Indians who are here listening I ask you to listen and stop your second cousins and for the young men listen to what you say This is the news that I asked you here to listen to and I want you to tell it to all the young men and the old men in the reserves and they will know later that I have spoken the truth and will always tell you what is right so that you will not get into any trouble again" Mike what happened last spring"

I have finish and I say one of us wishes to speak I will say a few

After a long pause old Kakay She-Way the company's old chief sat up and took hands of me and shook them in the modern way to begin a speech He always called me his grand son The English of his name is Loud Voice. I could never forget his speech He was and a man then over ninety years of age a big man, still straight as an arrow and long grey hair

He began —

"My Grandchild we have listened to your words they are the words of the company My Grandchild has made us ashamed to his lived will we and indeed we many moons My grandchild look at my medal the company gave me that because they found me true and faithful If I did not stood to listen to your words now I would throw it at you but your words make no love It better than ever you will all draw that I have listened to the words of my grandchild which we all like good and well tell them to all our children because I will hear I close to my breast than ever So my Grandchild will not have reason speak words to us again that we will be ashamed to answer My Grandchild I have answered you on behalf of all the old men present who have listened to your words this day—I have spoken Another head of the met the meeting was over and we all undervoiced each other from that day

The old aided Loud Voice died shortly after this and never saw the Rebellion that he was so much opposed to, and had always spoken against any of the Indians leaving the Reserves. Loud Voice was the greatest of all the Fisher Chiefs He was a great ventriloquist and long distances separate you could hear him speak for five miles on a clear morning quite distinctly calling up his tribe from their deer runs, and the echo used to be heard when he raised his voice in measured tones to the Qu Appelle valley He gave a medal to his old wife and told his always to do what the company told her and to listen to their officers after he was dead and gone and it would be well with her This identical medal has a very interesting subsequent history during the life time of the Old Queen as we used to call her and played its part in the making of history It is in the possession of D H McDonald of Fort Qu'Appelle with its complete history attached

As soon as Gen Middleton arrived Peter Hourie who was appointed Official Interpreter for the general and his staff had been the Indian department most important and of a great many in Qu Appelle station to meet him there Hon. Edgar Dewdney was then the Lieutenant-Governor of the west territories had arranged with Joseph Wrigley chief commissioner of the Hudson's Bay company that I would take full charge of all the government supplies and provisions at Crooked Lakes to expedite to my fathers on Bay dillon and my instructions were to keep the indians on the reserve at all costs, use my own discretion as to ways means and expenditures.

The Rebellion had now broken out and for a week all sorts of Indian signal smokes and signal fires could be seen all over Indian reserves and rumors were everywhere most of them false, but still causing great excitement. One of the most persistent rumors were that the police were all being covered over with buffalo robes The white settlers were all in dread and fear of a general Indian epis-

ing Engines were kept continually hitched up to coaches at Brockdale to take the women and children away. At the first signs, rather than scouts were watching between Brockdale and the Reserve a distance of only 12 or 15 miles from where the Folk at the Inn was were. The scouts came to me once on the run and begged me to go away with them as I was the only white man on the reserve and was only remaining there to be actually. I told them they had better all go as soon as we could say what had happen any day that all reports were very startling and a great many of them false, yet I thought the women and children should be cleared away from Brockdale without any delay as these was great dangers of the Indians from Moose Mountains coming that way. I said I think I have the confidence of the Indians even if they are on the warpath I will not go with you, I have a duty to perform I will stay here among the Indians and try my best to hold them on the reserve, and should I be the first victim to loose my scalp they will have to do some climbing to get it. I think you also can watch as well as the Chiefs at Brockdale for your kind offers and intentions on my behalf had I wanted and will not leave my post alive

They saw that I was in earnest and left, being of the second Hon that they had come out for me They started back for Brockdale and I did not see any of them again until after Batoche was taken and the Rebellion all send I were was alone now as far as white people were concerned yet I had what I considered many good friends among the Indians that I had grown up with and that I had known for the last 8 years. I did not feel or realize that I was to say personal danger and had no loss what ever for my own safety during the whole period of the disturbance. I was at my wits ends to know what to do next to prevent these town leaving the reserves and going on the warpath In spite of all I could do there was a turbulent element among the young braves who were all painted and talked holding nightly councils and ready to go while the old men's councils in separate lodge were nursing one of all their ruminating influence and power If proved them a regular deadlock for several days—I was fully conversant with their plan of action by this time They intended to move west on the north side of the valley round the Pheasant Plains where there was a number of white settlers and of course plan to go by west and join the File Hill Indians and thus capture Fort Qu'Appelle and remain there until they were joined by the Moose Mountain Indians from the south, who would come by way of Indian Head. After what under circumstances might develop or re quire such was the program that they had laid upon during day and night for a week while I was keeping them on floor and was not in bed at nights the old men to put greater vim and assertion in their persuasions to hold them all on the Reserve I could see that the all time were weakening as the Rebellion was progressing There had been Duck Lake Fish Creek Cut Knife Creek and now they were at Batoche This was my most critical period and I had to do something desperate or they were gone as I forced my way into their council when I told them I would expect them for once in a house addressing the young Braves

I said You have broken faith with your dead chief—You are not doing what he taught you—you are like drinken men your words are not as good your plans are bad I hear these old women speak as a brother I am forced to speak my mind I know you all and you all know me. Stay your mad ness this fight this rebellion has to do with you, If it has not as little quarrel You have nothing to gain Can you tell what will come of it? Am I not telling you plainly to all Plenty of sugar put ten to drink and plenty of to bacco. Now you go to your homes you are all so well off that you want to do all this evil that you are planning and proposing? Do you think that it will help you? This is not your affair You have nothing to do with it You have been flattering to Ire and Hara and you have excited yourselves so much that you think all these liars are telling the truth They are liars everyone and you have not heard any truth. Listen! has one of you even known me to tell you a lie? The government is strong, the company

is strong, are you as strong as they are? They are leading you and your wives and little children, in that the reason you must to fight, and kill them because they are good to you and are taking care of you! If you leave here on the ground you have been planting, you will have to leave your home and children here—you will all be shot, killed, or hanged, and you will never come back to see your children again. Your trees and cattle you will starve to death here and you will be their murderers. Listen! the sun is just rising step here on the Reserve where you are to have spoken and told you the truth it is up to you now all men, young men and women, who have heard my words to make ya r decision before it is too late.

No one spoke. They said they would send me a message to the store before noon.

I was very much exhausted and had stayed my last card had done all I could and knew the result. I slept for a couple of hours with all my clothes on as I had done for several weeks.

At 10 o'clock a.m. three or four of the band came to the store and made all kinds of demands on me for grub. They were asking to make a big feast and going to have a big dance. I saw the situation at once I had till them some places and now could divert their attention from the everlasting permit meetings that were in constant session for days and days I knew they were only trying me. They did not expect my answer at all and when they would have had something to grumble at I said "Yes sure I will give you all the grub you want for a big feast, and call all the Indians to eat and we will all have a good time. I had them fooled and after the grub got to them talking them if that was not enough I would give them some more. It was only a matter of some extra flour bacon and tea. The stuff was brought over to the women who began to prepare it for the feast and word was sent to every one to come and eat and bring their own cup with them. The feast lasted all that night and the following day and they displayed some wonderful appetites during that time. I had them where the hair was short and I knew it. Dom reader if ever you have anything to do with wild savage Indians the keenest firmness, truthful mess, not too much familiarity, lots of grub, tea and tobacco will overcome nearly any difficulty and leave you master at the finish. I proved it in my early association before this occasion, and many times afterwards. Properly applied at the right time I have never known it to do a torture and it certainly had its charm at the critical period of which I write and saved the value of many feasts and the lives of many officers of the Dominion of Canada in 1885.

The transactions of trade and war supplies was the salvation of all the settlers in the country at that time everyone who could raise a team of horses or yoke of oxen were as the job at tea dollars per day which paid better than any one, they could raise, the climate, conditions improved and the country started a new era and a prosperous career. A few days after the feast, news arrived that Batoche was taken, the rebels defeated, and Riel taken prisoner and that the war was over. It was only then that I realized the imminent danger that I had successfully passed through and the hottest was completely knocked out of many Indians on the Reserve and I could lead them with a silk thread after that. I also did not fail to rub it to good and plenty to many of the knowing ones not long after. The were so brave a short time before they were completely subdued and quite tractable ever after no more trouble with any of them during my time among them.

Riel was captured by Thomas Flour in near Batoche he was brought to Regina and has led over to the N. W. Mounted Police Barracks, and lodged in the Whitmore Field Batteries and confined in Jail May 23rd 1885. He was sentenced to be hanged for treason at Regina on Sept. 18 1885. The case was appealed to the court of appeal for Manitoba and also to the Privy Council but the judgment was affirmed by both courts and as I have already stated he was hanged at Regina on November 16th 1885 at 8 o'clock a.m. and his body buried at St. Boniface in the French cemetery across the Red River from Winnipeg. There is very little more to be said

by me only that I received through the company the thanks of the Lieut. governor accompanied by an official check which precluded me from making any future claim against the Canadian government for services rendered I also received the thanks of the Hudsons Bay Co. for the very able and successful way that I had handled the Indians under my charge and kept them on their reserves

And thus the Riel Rebellion of 1885 passed into history N M W J McKENZIE.

Fort William, April 30th 1926

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The 250th Anniversary of the Hudson Bay Co in Winnipeg

This celebration was one of the most historical and successful events that has ever taken place in Canada on account of its connection with the Hudson's Bay Company whose Governor Sir Robert Kindersley received a warm welcome and ceaseless ovations from all people like-made and tongues as well as the most influential and business and financial men of the city and country who assembled to meet and welcome him to the Capital City of Manitoba, the great rendezvous of the old timers who all vied with each other to do him honor including Lady Kindersley and their son and daughter who accompanied Sir Robert and shared in all the festivities with great interest, and expressed enjoyment. Sir Robert is not only the Governor and head of the Hudson's Bay Company but is a man of great financial affairs and recognized peculiar ability in England and throughout the financial world. He is also one of the Governors of the Bank of England and President of many financial enterprises and fruit farms in London Eng and. He has a grand and noble personality therefore but kind personality and just affable and courteous. At the staff dinner in the Fort Garry he was all served to the riche by over one thousand employees to whom he spoke very encouragingly and a few of themselves commending them for their loyalty and faithfulness, so spoke a high tribute to the lives of the service who went overseas and sincere sympathy with the friends and relatives of the boys who did not return again but gave up their noble lives in Flanders fields. He announced that each employee of all the H. B. Company saleshops in Canada would receive one month's salary to commemorate the celebration of the 250th Anniversary. He also intimated that a new pension scheme was being worked out for the Fur Trade which would put those enlisted to pensions in a better position than they were in at present financially. He also decorated all those present in active service who had fifteen years service or over with gold and silver medals and bars, according to seniority. A modern up-to-date store is to be erected on Portage Avenue the building to at least cost five million dollars.

The Pageant on the Red River down to the Lower Fort was something to dream about and not likely to be ever seen again. Indians from all over the Dominion in their picturesque and varied costumes and in all parts of the world feathers, and so on representing all the tribes and nations for the past 250 years. The banks of the Red River were lined for miles with thousands of admiring and wondering spectators men women and children. The landing at the Lower Fort where thousands had congregated was made amidst the booming of cannon in the old orthodox Hudsons Bay style. The Governor smoked the pipe of peace which was presented to him as was also many other beautiful presents of Indian work after which he decorated the most deserving Indians with medals and presents of pipes and tobaccos and to them this was the happiest day of his life and would never forget it or them, also said kind messages back with them to the Indians who had not been able to come so far as some of them had come to meet them. All the Indians and thousands of others gave him three shouts and a tiger and then some more cheers his reception by the Indians and the people and Press was all that a Prince of the blood could desire. The following day he spoke at a Canadian Club Luncheon at the Royal Alexandra where twelve hundred of the business men and bankers of the city his subject being the financial burden of the Empire and claimed the close attention of every one present a very able address and very favourably received by those who claim to understand deep financial problems. In the evening he was the guest of honor at the old timers banquet in the areas of the board of Trade building where he again made a great impression on

between two and three thousand guests and old timers and received most numerous ovations during his most interesting speech. The Lieutenant-Governor Premier of the Province Mayor of the city and all provincial officials were his right and left hand supporters nearly all old timers. After dinner and the speeches the Red River Jig and many other old time dances were indulged in some varying on 100 years of age participating in the dances of the early settlers. During all the celebrations, everything was conducted with the greatest informality and true friendship many old timers having come a long way to meet their friends and the Governor many of them realizing that they were meeting and parting for the last time. The Governor and his family left at midnight on the 4th inst to catch their train for Edmonton to continue the celebrations through to Victoria, B. C.

N M W J McKENZIE

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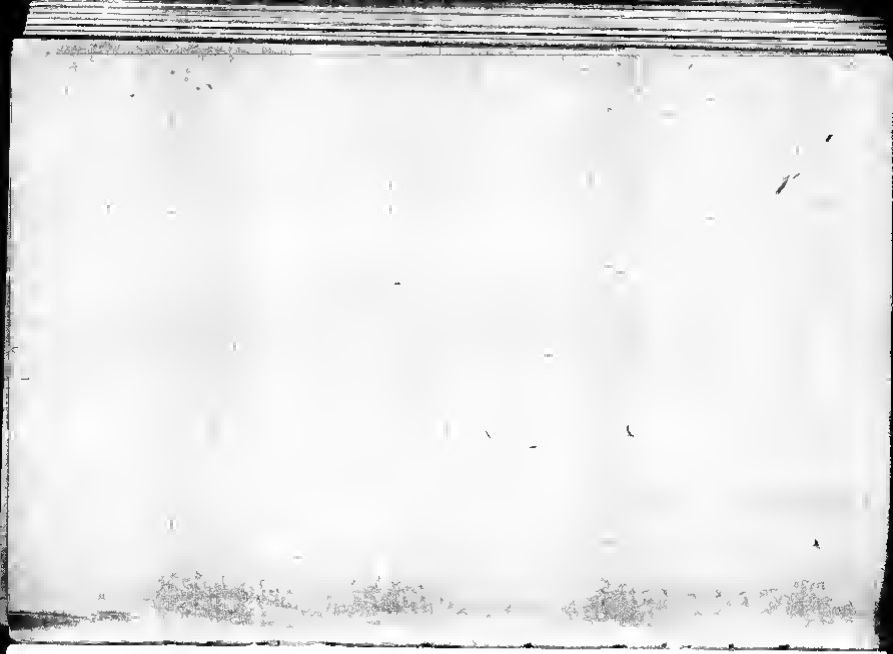

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Annual Address, 1920

BY THE PRESIDENT

Ladies and Gentlemen

I am glad to meet you again at the close of a year that has been comparatively free from the desperate ravages of War such as we had passed through during the previous five years

It is strange that the World War opened out in the midst of great progress in education and science It is to be hoped that the final result of the War will be the establishment of a successful international court of League of Nations under which humanity will enjoy the sweets of Democratic freedom for a time

We have succeeded in paying off the debt of the Tablet and hope to be able to beautify the surroundings soon after business affairs become normal

I may say that we have continued in a mild way to advance the interest of the Society during the five to six years of international turmoil We are continually adding to the records precious papers from personal witnesses of the many stirring scenes of industrial trades rebellions and wars in the present and past days in this great North west country We are not over particular We secure items bearing on our subject that we consider worthy of preservation in our Annuals from any reliable source

I notice the Secretary has listed in this issue a lot of the materials belonging to the Society There are a lot more of Annuals, Photographs etc in my possession to be turned in

We are fortunate in having attracted to our ranks the prominent Factor of the Hudson's Bay company N. M W J McKenzie His experience in the fur-trading business and localities is very extensive.

I may mention that we will miss our faithful Vice-President A L Russell, C E., who has removed back to his old home in Ottawa for a time at least

In passing I must refer to the conspicuous vacancy that has occurred in our social circle in the death of our much esteemed member Mrs E B Oliver

I wish barely to express my sincere thanks to the members who are upholding the good work of the Society and especially to Miss Black, our faithful Secretary Treasurer PETER McKELLAR.

MISS M J L BLACK
SECRETARY-TREASURER

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

MISS M J L BLACK

To the President and Members of the Thunder Bay Historical Society

Sir and Fellow Members

I have much pleasure in submitting to you the following report for the year 1920 —

The outstanding event, was the final payment on the monument account. To our indefatigable president the thanks of the society are entirely due, for this satisfactory clearing up of this obligation.

We had five regular meetings as follows On December 19 1919 the gathering was of an informal nature at which no address was given On January 20 great interest and amusement was taken from the reading of the diary of the Rev Mr McKercher, the first Presbyterian minister in Port Arthur. This interesting record was given the society by Miss Belle Dobie who personally copied it for us from the original in the possession of Mr McKercher's daughter On February 28 and again on May 14 the speaker was Mr N M W J McKenzie who gave two most delightful addresses the first being "Hudson Bay reminiscences" and the second "A Personal Account of the Red River Rebellion" followed by an account of the Hudson Bay celebration in Winnipeg on May 2 1923 On December 3 a paper was read the subject being "Tales Through the Ages from the Banks of the Kaministikwia."

We have a paid up Membership of 21, and there has been an average attendance at our meetings of eighteen

During the year we lost by death a valued Member in the person of Mrs E F Oliver Her presence is greatly missed at our meetings

Our society is in affiliation as usual with the Historic Landmarks association from whom we have received reports and to whom it has been our privilege to give information of more or less historic value

All of which is respectfully submitted

M J L BLACK
Secretary

THUNDER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Financial Report 1919 1920

Receipts

Oct 1919—	
Bal in bank	$ 97
Government grant	100 00
Dec. 14—	
Mr and Mrs Hamilton	1 50
Dr and Mrs Oliver	1 50
Mr and Mrs F C Perry	1 50
Mr and Mrs McKellar	1 50
Mr and Mrs John King	1 50
Mr Fred Pregeau	1 00
Miss Robins	1 00
Miss Black	1 00
Mr James Davidson (donation to monument)	10 00
Mr and Mrs A L Russell	1 50
Miss von Bostatzels	1 50
Mrs Eberk	1 00
Mrs Norah Barnet (donation to monument)	10 00
Mr J F Dale (donation to monument	5 00
Miss Famphylon and Mrs Lay burn	1 50
Miss Stafford	1 00
Mr J J O Connor	1 00
	$143 47

Expenditures

Dec 30—	
Mrs D Gladstone	20 00
Feb 11—	
C LaCoeq	4 00
Times-Journal	5 30
Historic Landmarks association	5 00
Times-Journal	93 60
October 15 1920	
Bal in bank	15 07
	$143 47

M J L BLACK
Treasurer

BERNARD ROSS

Fort William Interests in Smithsonian Institution.

By GAY PAGE Mrs J M Sheck, Fort William

The Smithsonian Institution Washington D C was for a long time open all its publications a thought expressed by the founder — Every man is a valuable member of society who by his observations researches and experiments procures knowledge for men

The writer remembered these words when in preparing the report of the activities of the members of the Canadian Women's Press club to be read before the convention of Canadian women authors journalists and artists in block and while at Montreal in October 1920 her attention was called to the fact that only one of the two hundred odd members had given research work as qualification for membership So more to keep that lone one company than anything else she added as a report of personal work a note on the help she had been privileged to give to the Smithsonian Institution in this direction On reading the report she found that the new president Miss Lucy Swanlen Doyle of Toronto as well as the retiring president Mrs Arthur Murphy of Edmonton known as more than one continent as Janey Canuck and others present at the congress were deeply interested in the subject and asked the historian to give a detailed story of her research work These the words of the title took on a new meaning and seemed to endow the humble newspaper woman with a claim upon society as a valuable member — as she had been instrumental in procuring for the Washington institution a record of one of its most valued contributors to the exhibits demonstrating and illustrating the habits and customs of the North American Indians in Canada—Mr Bernard Rogne Ross

In order to give some idea of the value of the article contributed by me to the Smithsonian institution let me give a short sketch of that famous storehouse of wonders of the new world and its chief functions.

It is now a small city of fine buildings situated in Smithsonian Park and the most delightful approach is from the capitol through the park and Botanical Gardens for on the way one becomes well acquainted with the birds and the squirrels and is ready to feel in harmony with the Indians who knew so well the birds and beasts and made friends with them The quiet group of buildings filled with the wonders of nature and art and the trophies of scientific discovery have a world wide reputation and men of learning from all parts of the earth go there to study its wonders

It was founded in 1846 by James Smithson who though born in France was of English parentage and was a son of Sir Hugh Smithson who by his marriage with the daughter of a cousin of the Duchess of Northumberland assumed the name of Percy and the founder of the institution inherited the right to the title of Earl Percy and Duke of Northumberland He was born in 1754 and why he selected Washington as the site for the institution is not known He probably saw in the young nation a people who would hunger and thirst after knowledge So he gave his entire fortune to found the establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men The bequest with accumulated interest and other investments now amounts to about $1 000 000 and all the operations must be carried on with the income from this very limited fund.

Thus is the reason why anyone who can add to the wealth of information or the collections may feel with pride that he is helping to endow this truly great institution

By law the institution is composed of the President of the United States the Vice President the Chief Justice and the heads of the Executive Departments It is governed by a Board of Regents consisting of the Vice President and Chief Justice three members of the Senate and three members of the House of Represent

patriotic and philanthropic work, but also as a recognition of the services rendered to science by her father

The Smithsonian said Mr Walcott, the secretary is the custodian and only lawful place of deposit of all the objects of art and of foreign and curious research, and these collections constitute the national museum free in the world The collections given by Mr Ross are especially rich in natural history geology paleontology and ethnology of North America The International Exchange said Secretary Walcott is for free interchange of scientific publications and out of a treaty established in 1859 has grown the bureau of international exchange and the museum at Ottawa may on application secure the loan of the Bernard Ross exhibits in duplicate for a period of time

The autobiography secured for the Smithsonian from Mrs Bernard Ross, and compiled by the writer of this article is to be added to the descriptive volumes written by Mr Ross and not only letters of thanks from the Smithsonian but also many courtesies and valuable assistance in other research work have rewarded the writer The copy of the portrait of Mr Rose which was also added to the biographical notes by Mrs Ross for the illustration of the addition to his books was presented to Gay Page by Secretary Walcott for use in her own work

Biographical Sketch

Bernard Rogan Ross author and Chief Factor of the honorable the Hudson's Bay company was the son of the late James and Elizabeth Ross and was born at Londonderry Ireland September 25 1827 He came to Canada to enter the Hudson's Bay Company's services under the patronage of Sir George Simpson Governor of the Company who saw him first at the home of his uncle Frank Ragan at Londonderry He was educated at Foyle college Londonderry and was a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society England 1854, Fourteenth Fellow of the Anthropological Society 1863, corresponding member of the New York Historical Society, correspondent of the Society Hall of the Academy of Natural Science of Philadelphia, 1861, corresponding member of the Natural History Society of Montreal He married in 1860 Christina Ross, daughter of Donald Ross, in charge of Norway House District where all the Hudson's Bay councils were held His children Mary Annabelle (Mrs George A. Graham Fort William Ontario Canada,) first white child born at Fort Simpson Francis Curtis and Bernard William

He came to Canada at the age of fourteen and late in the season to proceed to Norway House He taught school during the winter at Cornwall and in the spring traveled by canoe to Norway House, engaging in clerical work for the Hudson's Bay Company From Norway House he went to Fort Garry now Winnipeg and from there to Fort Resolution, Great Slave Lake, and afterwards to Fort Simpson He was then given charge of the whole district of McKenzie River where most of his valuable collections were made He made presentations of valuable specimens of mammalia birds skins and insects, to the British Museum in 1854 and received letters of acknowledgment from the principal librarian He presented to the Smithsonian institution at Washington D C a general collection illustrating the natural history and ethnology of the McKenzie River District, from Fort Simpson For this gift the Smithsonian institution returned grateful acknowledgement March 25 1861 Another collection of specimens was given Smithsonian institution in 1862 and for this Bernard Rose was asked to accept a package of books as an addition to his already valuable library which he shared with other officials and servants of the Hudson's Bay Company

He died at Toronto Ontario June 21 1874 and is survived by his wid ow whose home is in Winnipeg Manitoba, and by his daughter Mary Annabelle (Mrs George A Graham, Fort William Ontario) He was a Mason and a member of the Anglican church

Note—This paper was given by 'Gay Page' at the December meeting of the Thunder Bay historical society 1920

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The library is of snch magolinde lhal many of the books are lodged in the Congreselonal Library and al lo there some of the books on North Americas lodians wrllten by Bernard Regan Ross are to be found and al was there that Gey Page discovered the connection belween Fort Wllliam and this magnificent treasure-house of knowledge for the books wrllten by Mr Ross give the key to the value of the exhibits in the museum with which the research work of the writ er was connected

The present secretary is Charles Wolcott elected in 1897 and ll was the fact that this great paleontologist and geologist had on several occas lons visited Fort Wllham in his search for valnable depocits that made him accessible to the Fort Wllham visitor in 1912 for it is nnder ordinary circumslances easier to ob tain an interview with the Presidool of the Unlted Stales than with the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institu tion But the name of Fort Wllham on the card sent to his office with a request for an interview was the Open Sesame to the great advent ure of the Fort William writer in search of copy On that occasion as on the occasion of several visits since then he not only granted an interview but entrusted me with the work of procuring for the records of the Smithsonian Institution the bio graphical history of Bernard Ross in formation which he had for years tried in vain to obtain

The great honor of sending in the coveted information would be easily woo the visitor thought for was she not well acquainted with both the widow and the daughter of the great collector and scholar versed in North American Indian lore and history But it was not so easy as at first ap peared and it was not until 1915 that the authentic documents were given into the hands of the writer by Mrs Bernard Ross now a resident of Win nipeg

It is with the keenest of ethnology that I have had the honor to be con nected and Dr Hodge curator of eth nology on greeting me last October said in reference to the honor expres sed in a letter to the department that through the international exchange some of the Bernard Ross duplicate exhibits might be secured for the national museum at Ottawa You are always welcome but you Canadians should not expect me to give over to you the treasure which we have guarded and preserved and so highly prized for so many years Tell Mrs Graham he said that her father was of the greatest service to this bur eau he collected and presented to us the best most valnable and most complete exhibits illustrating the life of the North West Indians that are in existence These exhibits cover a large area of the new museum and the duplicates are eagerly taken over by state museums for each group is full in detail of the life customs hab its and characteristics of the race they represent They are known to all the world he said

I told him how Sir Frank and Lady Newnes of the Imperial Press party had said to me in Montreal when I told them I intended visiting Wash ington before my return to Fort Wil liam Be sure to visit the Smithson ian Institution and see the wonderful exhibits of dress implements of household industry and war that were used by the Indians of Canada He could understand how proud I was to tell them that the Mrs George A Graham whom they had met in Fort William was the daughter of the scholarly man who had presented the collection and had written for the Washington library such valnable books as historical records of his work They were told also that the honor conferred upon Mrs Graham by King George in 1916 when she was made a Lady of Grace of the Order of St John of Jerusalem was not only in recognition of her services to her city in war relief and other

REV D. W McKERACHER

Extracts from Rev. D. W. McKeracher's Diary of 1873

BY MISS BELLE DOBIE

The following very interesting notes from the diary of the late Rev D McKeracher Presbyterian minister when officiated at Fort Arthur and Fort William in the early 70's were copied and presented to the Historical Society by Miss Belle Dobie

1873—Silver Islet was under the Students Knox College Missionary Society and opened for the first in 1873 Rev H. H McPherson being placed in charge Prince Arthur's Landing was under the Home Mission Committee

Extracts From Rev D McKeracher's Diary 1873

1873 May 3—Embarked on the Manitoba at Goderich

1873 May 10—Visited at Sault Ste Marie

1873 May 12—Embarked on Chicora for Fort Arthur

May 15—Arrived Met several friends Dined with Rev Mr Halstead Wesleyan Methodist. (Mother says he proved a faithful friend to the end) Kindly cared by Mr Dobie into his house till a more suitable place is found (one of the pitiers of the Presbyterian cause from the beginning)

Friday May 16—Made arrangements with Mr Halstead to preach on Sabbath morning in his meeting place in the basement of his church

May 17—Went over in the morning on the tug to Fort William Saw Mr Oliver and made the acquaintance of some others Returned by the tug 25 souls each way

May 18—Preached in the morning to a congregation of about fifty in the the basement of the Methodist church kindly given by Mr Halstead After dinner went to the tug Mitis to the Fort and preached to about twenty West thence to Mr J McKellar's kind and intelligent people

May 22—Inquired from Mr Macnair re lots for a church

May 25—Preached in the morning at the Landing Attendance about sixty Would probably have been larger were it not that the steamer Manitoba was in sight She was at the dock when we came out The captain had the good sense not to whistle consequently the congregations were not disturbed

Was rowed over to the Fort by two young men Cameron and McKenzie and preached to about twenty There is not that interest taken there that we would expect. Several absent who should be there

May 26—Joined the Temperance League of this place Temperance is very much needed in this place

May 28—Had some talk with Mr McGilvray re the church lots and also with Mr Macnar who said he would write to Mr Johnson re the one set apart by the government

June 4—Left by the "Cumberland" for Silver Islet Reached Silver Islet about 5 o'clock Met by Mr. McPherson (This would be Rev. H H McPherson who was missionary at the islet when father was at the Landing He belonged to the Knox College class of 1874)

June 8—Sabbath school on the afternoon

June 17—Left on the p m with Mr McPherson Mr Halstead and Mr Fletcher for the top of McKay's mountain Mistook the second range for the first and at ten o'clock camped on the top of the second knuff "Nearer My God to Thee" inference not wise to start so late in the day on such expeditions

June 18—Raised Our tent was small and some rain came through it At worship after breakfast we sang "Rock of Ages" probably where it had never been sung before

June 21 Arranged with Mr McGilvray (McGilvray) for a Congregational meeting

June 24—Received a letter from Mr Macnar being a letter received from Mr Johnson assistant commissioner of crown lands Toronto stat-

ing that by an order in council the Canada presbyterian church was entitled to a patent tor Park lot No. 6 North Peori street Prince Arthur's Landing

Did not succeed in having a meeting this evening as intimated on Sabbath Vans is the trust lo meo May we be led to s lugher

July 1 to 8—Visiting in connection with organization of Sabbath school

July 8—Had a meeting at Mr Ross this evening at which Rev Mr Black baptised Mr Ross child Mr McKinnons and Mrs. Paul's (The Rev. Mr Black was Rev. Dr Black of Kildonan Mon My brothers wife is a olece of Dr Black's being a daughter of the late Rev Jas Black of Hamilton)

July 15—Received Mr (Adam) Oliver's consent to use his name as one of our trustees tor church lot

July 21—After tea had a meeting at Miss Cameron's when Mr Oliver Mr. Blackwood and Mr McGilvray were elected as trustees to hold the property of the congregation (3 1/2 ac) Also Mr Maitland Mr Dohie and Mr McDonald were elected a committee of management.

July 22—The Str Frances Smith came in near 12 p.m. having Mr Renoelzoo of the Sault and friends from Torooto on board— Rev Mr McDonell of St Andrew's church Toronto and Rev Mr Carmichael of Klog both of the church of Scotland on board bound tor Manitoba on a trip

August 1—Wrote to the Crown Lands departmeot tor patent tor Church lot here

August 5—The Cumberland came and stayed all night A dance on board to demoralize our people

Aug 16—The Manitoba was tow ed in to Fort William this morning The first large steamer that has ever been there The Hon A McKellar commissioner of public works was on board

Aug 22.—Just finished writing sermon on Ps 73 24 Thou Shalt Guide Me With Thy Counsel and Afterward Receive Me Into Glory" O that I resigned myself more fully to this guidance that I were more watchful against everything that would be displeasing to Him Who takes me by the hand and guides me to glory O Lord aid me by Thy holy spirit that I may have more of the mind of Christ.

Aug 23—Last night we all had a scare from fire Mr Flaherty's (Flagerty I don't know which it is) hotel was burnt to the ground Cause whiskey and yet this morning he has opened up a bar in a shanty across the street (Several references occur through the diary on the need for temperance I once heard Dr Pringle at the Yukon in a sermon make the remark that Fort Arthur was harder in the pioneer days than the Yukon ever was) There were 26 places in Fort Arthur selling liquor when father went there—the population was fluctuating varying from 800 to 1000

Aug 24—Str Frances Smith at the dock and attectively destroying the Sabbath quiet About 60 at church Collection for the students mission tonight society Amount $8 55

Aug 30—A reference to an excursion to Isle Royle concludes The party being a mixed one there was too much liquor drunk on board This latter certainly is the disagreeable feature of excursions in this part of the country

Aug 31—Twelve at the Sabbath school No teachers Sang several hymns with the children and read the 17th of John with a few remarks. Preached in the evening to about 70 from Ps 73 24 The evening was raining which kept some at home

Sept 1—While at dinner the tug Jessie Oliver came to Silver Islet with Rev D Gordon (his old pastor Ralph Connors father) and Mr McPherson on board Went with them round Black Bay to McGoss Island The tug lodged on a gravel reef on starting back Good lesson through McG's piloting. An episode Whiskey is the curse of this country Got back to Silver Islet about 3 a.m and succeeded in finding my way into Mr John Davidson's

Sept. 7—Rev D Gordon preached on Sabbath evening to over 100 from Ps 32 1 2 His discourse was marked by his usual vigor of thought and delivery and it was well listened to throughout

Sept 16—Roused in the morning by Mr ——— in fits from excessive drinking Thought that he was dead several times Oh what a dreadful curse liquor is and how intoxicated men must be who drink after witnessing such scenes as these

Sept. 21—Morning wet and gloomy Attendance about 60 at morning service About 35 at Fort Wilhem in the afternoon About 120 at the Landing in the evening

This is to be my last Sabbath here

What spiritual good may come as the fruit of my labours I may not be able to tell I have sought to sow the seed I trust that another may be privileged to gather the harvest to God's glory

Sept 23—Received from Mr Dobie for com $70 Received through Mr Dobie from Mr John McKellar for my services at the Fort the sum of $53 22

Sept 24—Left the Landing on the Manitoba Promised to write to several parties among them J D Brown W C Dubie R Maitland Thos Pasfold Mrs Ross R. E Mitchell

Sept 26—When we awoke this morning we found ourselves at Michipicoten R Here they sent on shore the cattle taken on board yesterday Three men got into a boat and the cattle with ropes to their horns were thrown overboard and towed to shore

A foggy and stormy voyage compelling them to anchor at nights

God has cared for me through dangers seen and unseen

March 31 1874 Decided to go to Thunder Bay at the request of the H Mission committee

July 7 Examination of candidates for license

July 5 Began collecting for church at Prince Arthur Landing

July 20 Ordained by Toronto Presbytery

July 21 to 30 Collecting among Toronto friends

July 31 Left for Prince Arthur Landing

Aug 3 Reached the Landing about 11 p m

Aug 5 Came to board at Miss Cameron's

Aug 7 Baptized Mr Dobie's child my first official act here since my return

Aug 8 Preached — the morning in the Methodist church P A Landing and in the evening at Mr Oliver's office at the River to his men

Aug 10 Had a meeting of the Managing Committee in the evening at Mr Dobie's

Messrs Maitland Grant Dobie and McDonald appointed to solicit subscription for building a church

Aug 12 Must make arrangements for cottage prayer meeting if possible for we can have no other

Aug 13 Went over to the Fort in the forenoon to see about the time and place of service.

Aug 14 Tried to induce the canvassers to solicit subscriptions for the erection of the church to begin their work but failed

Aug 16 Walked over to the Fort accompanied by Mr Mcintosh and preached from Job 33 24 The attendance was good but might be better

Aug 24 In the morning went to see the lumber for sale at the dock Found them unloading and Mr Nicholson assured me if we needed the lumber for a church we should have it at cost which is $13 00 per m free of wharfage

Sept 4 Prayer meeting at Mr Dobie's Attendance fair Singing practice afterwards

Sept 11 Cloudy and dull Toward evening the sun shone very beautifully on Thunder Cape Most of the Bay between here and there was under a thick, dark cloud and it hid the top of the Cape from view while the lower part was bathed in the sunshine The surrounding dark shade made the sunlight appear very beautiful How marvellous are all Thy works O God In wisdom hast Thou made them all

Sept 12 Sunset on the Bay very beautiful A few thin feathery clouds in the sky tinged with a deep red reflected on a bay smooth as glass A red sky stretched overhead and a red sky stretched beneath our feet. Heaven above Heaven below God everywhere

The Heavens Gods glory do declare

The skies his handworks preach

Sept 17 Visited several parties lo the afternoon and made arrangements tor a meeting at the committee of management to appoint a building committee

At the meeting tonight the follow ing Building Committee was appoint ed with power to add to their num ber. Peter Nicolson Robt. Maitland T R Horner D McKerachar

Sept 21 At a conference with Mr Halstead this afternoon we appointed the following officers for a branch of the Bible Society at P A. Landing Rev Wm Halstead pres Rev D Mc Kerachar vice-president Mr E Mitchell secretary Mr Sproule de positary Mr Prestnn treasurer Mr Robt Maitland committee Mr Wm Parks, Mr John Vivian

This afternoon at Mr Horner's Mr Maitland Mr Horner and myself he ing present we decided to advertise for tenders tor building the church

Received from Mr Dohie for salary $20 16

Sept. 22 Received $22.00 trom J McKellar for salary Gave $5 00 to ward the building of the school house at the river

Sept. 23 Doubtful whether we should proceed with the church or not. There is still some uncertainty about the place

Sept 30 Sabbath School excursion and picnic on Welcome Island All passed off well The day was very fine for so late in the season

Oct 3 No word from Mr Young about specifications for church We must go on without them and use those we have

O Lord guide us and give us wis dom in this matter and may a place of worship be built where many souls shall be born anew unto God Pre pare us tor the services at Thy day and house

Oct 4 Walked to the Fort and preached for the first time in the new school house to a good congregation

Oct 8 Endeavoring to get new plans tor the church

Oct. 7 Meeting of the Building Committee Mr Nell Shew to draw up specifications le accordance with the plan furnished

Oct 10 Let contract for church to Mr Jas Ross tor $420 00

Oct. 12 Found Mr Oliver would not furnish the lumber for the church as expected.

Oct. 13 Seeing the difficulties in the way of obtaining the materisl for the church I drew out a plan tor a lecture room which I fed com mends itself to most of our people Called on Mr Halstead about the heating of the church and was told that they considered it would cost $100 00 at which we would be expect ed to pay half I said I would report that to the committee

Oct. 14 Difficulties in the way of church building the same as before but the lecture room scheme growing in favor

Meeting of Managing Committee to night Resolution deferring action In regard to the Methodist church passed also resolution urging the com mittee to build a lecture room immediately

Oct 15 Saw Mr Oliver this morning and found that he must get 2-3 cash down and the other 1-2 next summer a proposal which we are un able to meet Gave Mr Olver a bill of the lumber required for the smaller building

Oct 16 Ordered window sash tor the lecture room Drew up specifica tions tor the lecture room lo compare with Mr Nell Shaw

Oct 20 Found Mr Ross was will ing to accept the Committees offer for the building of the lecture room.

Oct 22 Married to Mary Mathe son daughter of Mr F Matheson of Stornoway Scotland the Mathesons of Ross-shire

Nov 2 First manse Mr McNabb s house on Arthur street.

Nov 20 Organized a Sabbath school at the Port. Superintendent Mr Peter McKellar

Teachers- Mrs Nell White Miss M McIntyre Miss C McVicar Miss K McKellar

Dec 23 Christmas tree and bazaar in aid of Presbyterian church held le dining room of Queen s hotel, solely under the management of Mrs D M Blackwood Financial success

Dec 26 Day chiefly spent in tidying out the lecture room

Sue Dec 27 Opening of our new lecture room for divine worship Weather mild Good attendance Texte for the day Morning Is 60 12 afternoon Ps 72 8 In the evening Rev Mr Halstead preached from Mat 28 8

In connection with the Christmas tree some of the young people wished to have a dance at the end Father and mother both took a decided stand which they never regretted Mother saying she would rather see the money in the bottom of the lake than that they should say the Presbyterian Christmas tree ended in a dance

Feb 23 1875 Meeting of Building and Managing Committees Affairs found to be fully as satisfactory as expected Mr Peter Nicoteon's name was added to the Committee of Management

March 2 First session nominations This evening being the meeting for the nomination for the eldership the following were nominated

Benjamin Sinclair Sr Robt Maitland John McKinnon Jas Craig Wm. Blackwood John Bennie

The last two gentlemen have since sent in written withdrawals

March 14 Mr Ben Sinclair Sr and Mr Robt. Maitland first session were elected to be elders for P A. Landing

March 18 After vainly attempting to reach the Matthewan for two days because of a severe southeastern I reached there about 7 p.m and united in marriage Mr Emery La Londe and Miss Mary Aitkine This is the first couple I have married. May they be happy

April 4 At the close of the service ordained Mr Benjamin Sinclair Sr. and Mr Robt Maitland as elders This constituted the first session of the Presbyterian church at Prince Arthurs Landing May the Lord give us all grace for our duties

April 23 Was in the afternoon at a social for the children of the S S at the river the first ever held there All passed off very pleasantly

July 3 Meeting of Building Committee at which it was decided to advertise for tenders for the erection of a manse

July 19 Building Committee turned there wars three tenders for the manse varying from $1 185 00 to $775

November 5 Mr Wright school teacher appointed as Superintendent of the Sabbath School.

November 15 Moved to manse

Dec 5 Special collection for Knox Cottage over $3 00 This is the first collection for an outside object ever taken at this place

Father left P A Landing in October 1880 In 1873 he was ordained In 1874 he went as an ordained missionary at the request of the P A Landing people He remained there as an ordained missionary

When the C P R was being built he voluntarily went half way up the line to Winnipeg to minister to the men He had the oversight of missionaries at Silver Islet and other points The lecture room and manse at Pt Arthur and the church at the Town Plot (Port William) were built and paid for while he was there. Mr Herald was his successor

In order to help funds out and to accommodate the public, school was taught in the lecture room the first winter

Father felt that the lecture room would serve the purpose while the town was small and that any church they would be able to build then would be entirely inadequate a few years later The lecture room was later sold to a dwelling There is an old photo in the house showing the lecture room the first manse where mother went as a bride Father and mother are in the picture going up to the door The picture was taken by a nephew of the late Lord Tennyson who was living in Fort Arthur at the time

When father was asked by the H M Committee what type of man they should send for the C P R work he replied to send a man who was physically fit a man who would be able to help a teamster with a load of pork and timber out of a rut and live on the pork and flour after he got to his destination Revs Hamilton and J R Johnston were missionaries to Silver Islet as well as Revs Cockwell and McPherson when father was at the Landing

We have also an old photo of the pupils and teachers in the P. School at Fort Arthur. Mr. Wright was principal and Isabella Dobie one of the pupils

The following lists appear in a note book

P. A. Landing S. School July 7 1873

1. Wilson Cameron.
2. John McKinnon
3. Mary Cameron.
4. Mary McKinnon
5. Milly Cooper
6. Elizabeth Flora Wilcox
7. Robert McGilvray
8. William McGilvray.
9. Frank Wilcox.
10. Christies Jane Cameron
11. Carrie May Young
12. Lillie Ross.
13. Ada Ross
14. Isabella Dobie
15. Robert Emmons
16. Frank Emmons
17. Caroline Jeces
18. Marion Jones
19. Margaret Victorie Jones
20. John Henry Gardner

The teachers were Mr McKinnon Mr Smith Miss McKinnon. Mr McInnis

Some other lists written in lead pencil are now so faded that it is almost impossible to read them

Hudson Bay Reminiscences

BY N. M. W. J. McKENZIE

PAPER given and read before a regular meeting of the THUNDER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY February 27th 1928 by N M W J McKENZIE ex-manager of the EASTERN DISTRICTS of the HUDSON'S BAY COMPANY

Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen of the THUNDER BAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I will begin my address with the simple observation that I will try to interest and amuse you for a while by events, incidents and historical facts in respect to the Hudson's Bay company its officers, trading posts and Indians which prevailed in this District in the years 1854 1857 and 1858 up to 1920 I have from among the several districts of the Hudsons Bay company chosen this District and the dates for the special reason that many of the names of persons and places that I will introduce will be more or less familiar to some of you

Moose Factory on James Bay was the Headquarters of what was then known as the Southern Department which included all this part of the country Chief Factor Miles was the Officer in charge at Moose Factory at that time I may say that I went to school with two of his sons that were sent home to be educated to the Orkney Islands The headquarters of this particular district known and designated then as well as now as Lake Superior District was Michipicoten and under its jurisdiction were the following ports St Ignace Fort William Nipigon Long Lake The Pic, Heron Bay Agawa, Missanabie Red Rock and several other smaller places called outposts for winter trading The gentlemen in charge of the district was chief factor John McKenzie The gentleman in charge had many grave and responsible duties outside of the actual direction of the trading and commercial interests entrusted to him by the Hudson's Bay company

I will now relate one or two incidents in the gentleman's own words writing to one of his postmanagers Mr Jos Merrisean at Long Lake which in part reads as follows

Sir Your letter of the 21st of January was duly received with its enclosures accompanying on the 3rd of last month By it I was glad to learn that your Indians had promised you when they went to their hunting grounds that tall that they would do their best in the hunting way but I was sorry to learn that your fishing at the post had been so poor yet it is to be hoped that with good care and management you will have enough of fish to carry you through the winter in regard to the two Indians who did not visit you last fall and who you say hunt on the Athany Side, the probability is they have gone to Athany and perhaps have been supplied their winter advances at that Post If however those Indians are relatives to Keesenee" who I spoke to you about last August they may run away with one of the Albany Indians wife should not be at all surprised that some evil or other had befallen them Be good enough to call my attention to this matter when you come here in the spring and the missing Indians names also to John McLean the gentleman in charge of Albany on the subject I hope you will be able to manage to arrange with Keeseenee about restoring the Albany Indian woman to her former and lawful husband Moses at Athany and if you succeed bring the woman here with you and I shall give her a passage in our boats to the Portage in June in order that she may return to Albany to her former lawful husband without further "metestation" I may here say that it is on record that her former lawful husband received her without asking any questions and she presented him with a pair of fancy stitch worked moccasins and they lived happily together for many years afterwards The chief factor without losing any further time proceeded with the next order at hand less and continuing his letter the next paragraph said

"I observe that the governor and council last summer at Norway house received, that you (among other clerks) are offered £100 per annum on a three year contract commencing first June 1857 I therefore on account of regularity enclose you an engagement to sign which on its presents of two witnesses and return the an gagement to me first opportunity He then apparently immediately wrote a letter to Mr Louis Denoie Delar orde in charge of Nipigon Post where wives and other interesting subjects were not lost sight of He appears through all his correspondence to have the smallest details at his fingers end as it should be and never fails to impress on all his postmasters the necessity of economy and to look well to the welfare of the Indians attached to his post and especially the women and children. He says in part to Mr Delaroche your services here this season will not be required and in that case you will of course remain at Nipigon keeping with you Bouchard and Sam Cottin as your summer men You must endeavor to make arrangements with the Indians you send here with your returns that if their services are required in the boats for Michipicoton to the Long Portage and back they will go without grumble or the least hesitation for which they will be paid the same price as our Michipicoton engaged Indians viz £3 each for the trip besides the same quantity of flour as a gratuity as they had last year I observed last season that a great number of women and children had accompanied the crews of yours and the Fleis boats to the place and for why? Though I have made enquiries I cannot ascertain it cannot be that the women and children accompany their husband to draw their government rations for the greater part, indeed I may say all of the Nipigon people receive their rations at Fort William I therefore hope you will endeavor to prevent as much as you possibly can this annual visit of Michipicoton of the Nipigon ladies and their youngsters for you know as well as I do that our means of feeding in summer even the Michipicoton families are not over abundant Cotton and Deschamps at any rate ought to have no excuse for bringing their wives here as it is my intention they return at once to Nipigon. The Indians indeed might have more excuse and say that they would not come here without their wives in which case we must submit but I hope you will with your excellent way you have with them endeavor to point out to them how much better their wives would be fed on fish inland and that they themselves would have all their voyaging rations at their own disposal Try your best."

The Indians from Albany Martle Falls and Osnaburg all belong to James Bay district sometimes came in to Lake Superior District to trade and in consequence would leave their debts outstanding in James Bay This used to cause considerable friction between the districts and in this connection he wrote letters to the Post managers of Long Lake the Pic Nipigon and Fort William and said in part I write Mr Miles last summer regarding advances at Martins Falls and Osnaburg to Indians of Lake Superior district as usual they complained of the Lake Superior gentlemen No further advances will however be given in the Bay to Lake Superior Indians and that I have to request that should any of their Indians come your way that whatever fore you receive from them he credited to their Post and advances charged to the same way This was done to prevent the Indians from wandering outside their own district and also to keep them within the bounds of the post they were attached to and where they received their advances in the fall This I trust induced them to be and remain honest and pay their debts This rule and regulation had a good effect throughout the whole country and there was never any more trouble in this connection afterwards Again writing to Mr John McIntyre who was in charge of Fort William he says On looking over your accounts of last winter I find that no provisions were furnished Sir George Simpsons crews for the voyage to the interior at Fort William. It is possible but improbable that they might have had enough on hand. Please inform me on this point

(18th May 1857) There is to be a council here this summer and as it

is likely more than the usual number of members will be present I will have to look to you for a supply of provisions for the occasion If you have a good yearling ox you will please send him down by the vessel but if not a calf of this spring will answer the purpose such other supplies as good butter cheese eggs etc I shall expect from you when the governor passes Fort William on his way down or any other opportunity which may easily happen during the beginning of July I am likewise in want of potatoes from all posts in the district as martens appear to have been numerous and none of the Indians have suffered from starvation during the winter

The distributing warehouse for Lake Superior and Lake Huron districts was at the Sault Ste Marie and Mr Simpson who was also in charge whose name was also Simpson. On the 10th of June 1857 Mr McKenzie wrote to him as follows The schooner arrived here this afternoon from Fort William and weather permitting she will sail early tomorrow for the Sault Ste Marie I would feel obliged by your loading it all can be spared one cask of whiskey in dice some pork maple sugar 20 or 30 barrels of flour lard and tallow and a couple of boxes of clay pipes I beg to refer to the memo I took for the supplies on board the schooner Mr McIntyre has sent out a box said to contain £180 in cash and from this place I forward some bank bills amounting to £68 10 0 received from Moose Factory last season which sums please carry to the credit of the district on the 18th After receipt of Lake Huron for returns please send the schooner back as soon as possible I send by this opportunity the batteaux you asked for which I hope you will find a good one as also sundry linware on your requisition of last year Whatever English goods may have arrived at the Sault for either Michipicoten or Fort William please put on board this trip and should there be any room in the vessel it can be filled up with the remainder of the outfit such as rough corn pork flour and salt If you can supply 40 gallons whiskey for Fort William I would feel obliged as from the leakage in the 2 casks sent up last fall we were run short of that article re-ship in this vessel the English goods received last trip for Fort William I will write to Mr McIntyre directing him what supplies to take out of the vessel when she arrives there. I would wish the schooner to be back at Fort William by the 15th or 18th inst and any letters for Sir George Simpson had better be sent by her

(Angust 23rd 1857) On the 23rd of August 1857 Chief Factor McKenzie was appointed to the charge of another District and Chief Trader William Watt was appointed by order in council in his stead to the charge of Lake Superior district with headquarters still at Michipicoten

The foregoing will give you a good idea of the general routine of one of the old Hudsons Bay districts Fort William was one of the best posts in the district They had quite a farm here and raised all kinds of grain pigs cattle hens geese turkeys ducks and vegetables besides furs there were extensive fisheries both here and at St Ignace besides supplying several of the inland Posts with cured fish and other provisions many schooner cargoes went down to Sault Ste Marie and were disposed of to good advantage and sometimes at a handsome profit The gentleman in charge of the district had to visit each post in his district at least once in each year This trip was generally made during the summer if at all possible when he made a general inspection of all and sundry equipment and gave his postmasters verbal as well as written instructions regarding advances to Indians and also the conduct of the trade generally during the following winter

On the 26th of August 1857 Mr Watt writing to Mr W M Simpson at the Sault Ste Marie says in part I cannot say when the Isabel (that is the schooner) will again go to the Soult more than likely I will not send her until she goes with the produce of the Fort William fishing lake in the fall which I doubt will get until Miss McIntyre for in that case she could only go in this place in the vessel and the chances will be very small indeed of the young lady joining her parents this season at Fort William I imagined that Miss McIntyre arrived safely at Fort William

as the schooner Isabel made two voyages from the Sault to Fort William that same fall One voyage being recorded as a special trip

Chief Factor Peter Bell was in charge of Lake Superior district about 1873 He was a man well and favorably known in this district After he retired he went for a trip to Dawson City to the Yukon When returning the steamboat he was on encountered bad weather and was wrecked he and many others of the passengers and crew were drowned There is a station on the Canadian Northern railway north of here called Peter Bell so named in memory of him

Donald McTavish was also in charge of this district

In later years 1881 Alexander Matheson was in charge of the district with headquarters at Fort William and where the headquarters of the district still remain He lived to a good old age and was buried at Nipigon

Fort William was at one time the most important place west of Montreal and had a population in 1814 of about 2 500 which is over a century ago It has a population today of about 20 000

Fort William ceased to be a Hudson s Bay company fur trading post in 1881 when the company built on Simpson street one of their finest sale shops which were distinct from their fur posts It was burned down in 1914 and has not been rebuilt Mr M S Beeston was the manager and has since retired on pension

Lake Superior district office is now located at 135 north May street in this city from which over 20 posts in the interior receive their instructions and guidance as in years gone by My successor and previous Assistant District Manager Mr John Duncan MacKenzie being the gentleman in charge of the district at the present time Some of the old posts of 1867 are still doing business notably Missanabie Long Lake and Nipigon The following is the present (February 1920) executive of Lake Superior district and a list of the post managers in the district most present established who look to their district officer John Duncan MacKenzie Esq for instructions and guidance in the fur trade

Executive officers, at Fort William 135 North May street

John Duncan MacKenzie district manager

Henry G Woods assistant district manager

J H A Wilmot district accountant

Alex Aedarson clerk.

Percy Crewdson clerk

List of posts in Lake Superior district February 1920

White Dog—Thomas Young manager

One Man s Lake—Baptiste Fisher manager

Osnaburg—Richard Hooker manager

Lac Saul—James Williams manager

Wabuskang

Grassy Narrows—Donald Murchison manager

Dinorwic—Lorna Johnson manager

Fort Hope—Sidney A. Taylor manager

Attawapiskat—Thomas S Ritch manager

Graham—Laurie J Williams manager

Hudson—Harold E Race manager

Pine Ridge—Robert Young manager

Bucke—Henry Lawson manager

Cat Lake—Alex Lawson manager

Sevaut—David Wright manager

Allanwater—Fred Kabuoosha manager

Nipigon House—Patrick McGuire manager

Mubert—Henry Busch manager

Long Lake—Philip H Godsell Manager

Kowkash—Halver Halverson manager

Missanabie—Peter Fiolayann manager

Nipigon—Herbert B Williams manager

Mattice—Frank H Aldera manager

In 1908—10 I was inspecting officer in Peace River and Athabasca districts In 1910 I was appointed to take charge of Lake Huron district with headquarters at North Bay On my appointment to the charge of Lake Superior district in 1912 the post managers of Lake Huron presented Mrs MacKenzie and myself with a beautiful illuminated address accompanied with a solid silver tea

sel as a token of their appreciation friendship and good will which existed between us and all the servants in the district On my further promotion in 1914 to be general manager of all the eastern districts of the Hudsons Bay company with headquarters in Winnipeg and Montreal the staff of Lake Superior district presented me with a handsome grandfather's clock and a beautifully illuminated address which reads as follows

A D 1670 The Hudsons Bay Company A. D 1914 Lake Superior District Fort William Ont December 28th 1914

To N M W J McKenzie
General Manager Eastern Districts
Hudsons Bay Company

Sir It is with mingled feelings that we meet you today to bid you farewell upon your retirement from the position which you have held for the past two years as manager of the Lake Superior district to assume a wider command as manager of the whole eastern district of the territory embraced by the widespread arms of the Hudsons Bay company a vast kingdom whose area is equal to one third of the continent of Europe

During your term of office in this district we can assure you that you have gained the respect and esteem of your employes and we know that in the wider field which is now open to your activities bringing with it wider opportunities for the administrative ability which has marked your career here the same qualities which have earned you the goodwill and cooperation of all who have worked under you which we feel as a personal loss to ourselves may open up for you the avenue to your further advancement

The swift passing of time makes it seem but a brief space since you entered upon your duties in this field but the heller to mark the flight of the minutes and hours of the many years which we trust remain for yourself and Mrs McKenzie to enjoy we ask you to accept this clock as a reminder of the friends whom you both made here and ask you to believe that no matter how many years may be ticked off on its dial the memory of your administration will remain as a pleasant recollection in our lives

As the larger territory which you are leaving us to control includes the smaller area of your former jurisdiction we trust that from time to time the friendships which have grown up between us will not lapse but be renewed as your duties call you to revisit your old district.

Signed on behalf of the staff

John D MacKenzie district manager
J T Herbert, district accountant.
F F Alders White Dog post manager
James Williams Osnaburg post manager
Chas H M Gordon Lac Seul post, manager
John D MacKenzie Dinorwic post manager
S A Taylor Fort Hope post manager
D Murchison Nipigon Lodge post manager
L Yelland Mobert post manager
W L Thomson Long Lake post manager

P H Goodsell and J Robertson Missanabie post managers.
J J Barker Nipigon post, manager

The original Fort William stood on the banks of the Kaministiquia river now a network of C P R tracks and on the spot where the Hudson's Bay and northwest companys were amalgamated in 1821 stands a memorial tablet erected by the Thunder Bay historical society in 1914 to commemorate the locality made famous by the pioneer fur traders of the great northwest The tablet stands on McTavish street and was unveiled by Sir George Foster in the presence of a large number of representative Fort William citizens It is well worth a visit and should be specially pointed out to tourists as one of the most interesting and historical monuments to Canada where history is chiseled out from 1670 to date on this polished red granite tablet which is fully described in the wonderful and beautiful souvenir pamphlet compiled and issued by Mr Peter McKellar the president of the Historical Society of Thunder Bay with whom the idea of this Memorial Tablet first originated together with the assistance of Miss M J L Black who was secretary treasurer of the society and all the other members of the society whose

thoughtfulness energy and ability made the erection of this historical monument possible so that future generations for all time can read of the engraved tablet the history of the past, where the early Pioneers our ancestors were not afraid to blaze the trail and prepare the way for the millions that have yet to arrive in this great Canada of ours, where its history is written and preserved in Tablets and monuments of stone and stir the nation on to greater deeds of valor and distinction for the uplifting of humanity and the higher ideals of civilization and good will among all members of the human race

Mr President, Ladies and Gentlemen I must now thank you for your kind attention in listening to my very lengthy paper and hope something may be found in it that will be useful and valuable to future historians I have therefore Mr President much pleasure in presenting my paper through you to the Thunder Bay historical society as its custodians

Again thanking you I will wish you all goodnight and pleasant dreams Fort William February 27th 1920

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Half-Breed Rebellion of 1885

BY N. M. W. J. McKENZIE

On the 26th of March 1885 at Duck Lake the first shot was fired where several volunteer citizens of Prince Albert, North West Mounted Police men and a number of the half breed Rebels were either killed or wounded. The news spread like wild fire throughout the Dominion troops were rushed from the East under command of General Middleton. All right the fight was on the sound of war was in the air I am only going to touch very lightly on the serious happenings of the next few months and it is first necessary to go back some years to find the cause and chain of circumstances that led up to and culminated in this ever to be deplored 26th of March 1885.

I will be as brief as possible and will at once say that the Rebellion of 1869—70 and the rebellion of 1885 was the ambitious and malicious aspirations having at the bottom of it all selfish aggrandizement at the expense of a few unsophisticated half breeds whom he was using as tools in trying to extort more money from the government for his own private use when he would leave them in the lurch as he had done after the 1870 affair when he pocketed the money that was paid him to leave the country for the time being, and took up residence in the U. S. A. being at that time a fugitive from justice I mean "Louis Riel."

He was a naturalized citizen of the United States teaching school in Montana in 1884 when he was invited by some of the influential half breeds in Saskatchewan to come to Canada and assist them to impress their wishes upon the government at Ottawa to grant them security to existing their rights as was being done with the Indians by Treaty. Louis Riel saw a chance here to make another claim for indemnity on the government if he would again leave the country and claimed $100,000 but said he would take $35,000 in cash and go at once. That was in Dec 1884 he claimed that the Canadian government owed him about $100,000.00 and that he was practically the half breed question and said If I am satisfied the half breeds will be.

The half breeds began to smell a rat now and said if the federal government should grant him this the half breed question would still remain the same and Riel would be the only one to profit at their expense Louis Riel was well educated extremely visionary and dangerously imaginary He had two special strings to his bow at this time He wanted to form and create a Republic with himself as President He had offered all kinds of appointments to his Lieutenants and followers coupled with untold wealth or he would take $100,000 for his share and leave the country The former his objective the latter his alternative He did not attain either but was hanged for treason at Regina on Nov 16th 1885 after being given a fair and just trial.

I was at this time in charge of the H. B. Co's Post at Crooked Lakes where the Indians were being gathered in from the great plains after the disappearance of the Buffalo and placed on large Reservations by the Government where the destitute and needy among them were being regularly rationed and clothed.

In the spring of 1884 we had a little Rebellion on the Reserve The Indians thought they were not getting sufficient rations so they took the law into their own hands and broke into the Government Provision Stores maltreated the Indian Agent and took all the flour and bacon they required Excitement ran high throughout the whole camp This called for quick action on the part of the Government a detachment of Mounted police was sent down from Regina things did not look at all healthy for a day or two as they resisted arrest and barricaded themselves in a building all fully armed, and in their war paint.

The ringleaders were ultimately arrested taken to Regina tried and given suspended sentences, explaining

fully to them what that meant.

The rations were increased after that but it took some time for the excitement of the whole episode to die out t just mention this incident as there were over one thousand Indians implicated in this which might easily have become a most serious affair for the government as well as the Indians and was only averted by almost superhuman diplomacy t only here give an outline of what took place having given a full account of it in detail to its proper place in my book which will be in the hands of the publishers soon There was very hard times all over the country for a few years at that time among the white settlers as well as the Indians and half breeds on account of the great drought which prevailed as well as gophers and early frosts. Many of the settlers were leaving the country financially broke and disheartened and many others were unable to leave and had to struggle on as best they could. many of the settlers sold their homes (160 acres) for a mere song in order to get enough grub to take them out of the frozen and dried up country as quickly as possible The outlook was certainly bleak at that time The half breeds were not in any better position than the rest of the settlers many of them moving west towards Battleford and Prince Albert where they thought they might be able to make some kind of a living but as it turned out afterwards they had an inkling of what might take place as they expected that they would get the much talked of help that they were to get from the Government at least it was urged and applied for by the Saskatchewan half breeds At Crooked Lakes we all kinds of Indian rumors during the fall and early winter of 1884 Mysterious Indian and half breed rangers appeared among the Indians on the Reserves from time to time and disappeared again as mysteriously as they came But there was always undue excitement among the Indians after these periodical visits which roused my suspicions I knew every Indian and thought I had the confidence of them all but I felt that there was some news coming on the Reserve that they had not told me most of the half breeds that were living with Indian women on the Reserve had moved away in the fall, the excuse that they gave their women was that they were going to visit some of their relations at Battleford or some far distant point and would possibly not return till spring It was well after New Year (86) before I got to the bottom of all these mysterious moves The young men were holding secret councils and the old men were also having secret councils Thus was a very uncommon proceeding and very unusual t found out from some of the women what it was all about. Those strangers that had been paying apparently friendly visits were under the instructions of Louis Riel and their business and message was to excite and rouse up the Indians to go on the warpath and be on their guard and prepare them selves for anything to plunder rob and kill as soon as they got the signal that there would be great doings before the grass was green again that Riel was going to bring back the buffalo again and that they all would have plenty to eat only be ready to do his bidding—and to make them doubly sure of his power that on a certain day he would cause the sun to be darkened at noon by a clear sky A whole lot of stuff like that had been talked into them by these rangers No wonder these superstitious half breeds and half barbarian savages were excited and thirsting for blood I got busy and called a meeting of all the chiefs and old men to come to the store gave them a cup of tea and a smoke then told them that I knew everything that was going on at all their council meetings although they had been trying to hide it from me How mad and foolish they were to listen to all the stories that were being carried around the Reserves by men who did not care for them only to the extent that they could use them for their diabolical purposes and certainly not for the good of the Indians

No matter what Riel was doing it was no concern of theirs the government had made a treaty with them and was looking after them and they would also look after Riel and punish him if he was doing anything wrong

Why do you not call me to your council meetings lately as you used

te dn' Have I uni always told you the truih and helped you oll many limes and now you are listeeleg le men with tnrked tenguus whn will bring much trauble on you if you lislee ood helleve lheir lies The company never told you anything bul what was good and I am speaklug nnw whal lhe company has askud me to tell you and this is the reason lhal I have asksd you to come here le daylight as I neve nothing bul truth to tell you eed all the nlher Indians who are hure listening I ask you in lislse aed slnp your secret councils and lnl lhe young men listen lu what you say This is the news thel I asked you hure lo listen to and I wael you to tell il to all the young men and the old men on the reserves and they will know later lhal I havn spoken the lruih ord will always lell you whal is right an lhat you will nol get lnln any trouble again lllen whal happen nd lasl spring"

I have fieished and it any one of you wishes to speak I will new listen

After a long pause old Ka Kay She Way lhe company's old chief gut up and shnnh hands with me thel was the easinmary way lo begin a speech He always called me his grand child The English of his name is Lond Voice I shall never forget his speech He was an old man then over ninety years of agu a big man still straight as an arrow and long gray hair

He began —

My Grandchild: we havn listned in your words they are the words nl the company My Grandchild has made us ashamnd hn has lived with us and helped us many moons My grand child look at my medal thn company gave me lhat because lhny loved me trun and faithful ll I did nnl intend in listen lo your words now I would lhrow it el you but your words make me love il better lhae ever and you will all knnw lhal I have listened to the words nl my grandchild which we all hud good and will tell lhem to all our children because I will wear it closer to my hreast thae ever Sn my Grandchild will nnl have reason lu speak words to us again lhel we will be ashamnd to answer My Grandchild I have answered you nu behalf nf all the old nnn presnnl whn have listened lo your words lhis day—I have spoken Another hand shake and the meeling was over and we all understnnd each nther frum thal day

Thn old chief Loud Voice died shortly after this and never saw the Rebellion thel he was so much opposed in and had always spnkun against any nl the Indians leaving the Reserves Loud Voice was the greatest of all the Plain Chiefs He was a great vnutriloquist and long distance conjurnr you could hear him speak for two miles on clear mornings quite distinctly calling up his tribe from their slumbers and the echo could be heard when he raised his voice in measured tones in the Qu'Appelle valley He gave his medal to his old wife and told her always to do what the company told her and in listen to their officers after hn was dead and gone and it would be well with her This identical medal has a very interesting subsequent history during the life time nl the Old Queen as we used in call her and played its part in the making nf history it is now in the possession nf I H McDonald of Fort Qu'Appelle with his complete history attached

As soon as Gen Middleton arrived Peter Hourie who was appointed Official Interpreter for the general and his staff had been the Indian department interpreter and was hurried away in Qu'Appelle station to meet him them Hon Edgar Dewdneywas then the Lieut Governor nl the northwest territories had arranged with Joseph Wrigley chief commissionnr nl the Hudson's Bay company that I would take full charge of all the government supplies and provisions nl Crooked Lakes in addition to my Hudson's Bay duties and my private lines were in keep the Indians or the Reserve nl all costs usn my own discretion as in ways means and expenditures

The Rebellion had now broken out and here was I all alone Indian signal smokes and signal fires could be seen all over Indian runners and rumors were everywhere until at them talsn hut still causing great excitement One nl them most persistent rumors were that the plains were all being covered over with buffalo again The white settlers were all in dread and fear nl a general Indian upris-

leg Engines were kept continuatly hitched np to coaches at Broadview to take the women and children away At the first signs volunteer scouts were watching between Broadview and the Reserve a distance of only 12 or 15 miles from where the belk of the Indians were The scouts came to me once or lwice and begged me to go away with them as t was the only white man on the reserve and was only remaining there to be scalped I told them they had better all go as no one could say what would happen any day that all reports were very startling and a great many of them talke yet t thought the women and children should be moved away from Broadview without any delay as there was great danger of the Indians from Moose Mountains coming that way I said t thiek t have the confidence of the Indians even if they are on the warpath t will not go with you t have a duty to perform t will stay here amoog the Indians and try my best to hold them on the reserve and should t he the first victim to loose my scalp they will have to do some climbing to get it. I thank you ever so much as well as the citizens of Broadview for yoer kind offer and intentions on my behalf. Iet t cannot and will not leave my post alive.

They saw that t was in earnest and this being the second time that they had come oet to me they started back for Broadview and t did not see any of them again until after Batoche was taken and the Rebellion all over I sere was alone now as far as white people were concerned yet I had what I considered many good friends among the Indians that I had grown up with and that I had known for the last 9 years t did not feel any realize that t was in any personal danger and had no fear what ever for my owe safety dering the whole period of the disterbance I was at my wits ends to keow what to do next to prevent them from leaving the reserves and going on the war path in spite of all t could do there was a turbulent element among the young braves who were all painted and tatooed holding nightly councils and ready to go while the old men's councils in a separate lodge were making use of all their restraining influence and power to prevent them a regular deadlock for several days—t was fully conversant with their plans of action by this time They intended to move west on the north side of the valley cross the Pheasant Plains where there was a member of white settlers and of course plender as they went and join the File Hill Indians and then capture Fort Qu Appelle and remain there until they were joined by the Moose Mountain Indians from the south who would come in by way of Indian Head After that whatever circumstances might develop or require such was the program that they had been prometgating day and night for a week while t was gorging them on floor bacon and tea and stogging the old men to get greater vim and exertion in their persuasions to hold them all on the Reserve I could see that the old men were weakening as the Rebellion was progressing There had been Duck Lake Fish Creek Cut Knife Creek and now they were at Batoche. This was my most critical period and I had to do something desperate or they were goee so t forced my way into their council aboet midnight and harangued them for over two hoirs addressing the young braves.

t said You have broken faith with your dead chief—You are not doing what he tought yoe—yoe are like drunken men yoer words are not good yoer plans are bad I have lived amoog yoe as a brother t am forced to speak my mind t know yoe all and yoe all know me Stop yoer madness this tight has nothing to do with you it is not an Indian scarret You have nothing to gain Are you not well off here? Am t not giving yoe plenty to eat plenty of sega and tea to drink and cheiy of tobacco to smoke? Is it because you are all so well off that yoe want to do all this evil that you are planning and proposing? Do yoe think that it will help yoe? This is not your affair Yoe have nothing to do with it Yoe have been listening to lies and liars and yoe have excited yourselves so much that you think all these liars are telling the treth They are liars everyone and you have not heard any treth Listen! has one of yoe ever known me to tell yoe a lie? The government is strong the company

ls strong are you as stroog as they are? They are feeding you and your wives and little children is that the reason you want to fight and kill them because they are good to you and are taking care of you? If you leave here on the errand you have been pleasing you will have to leave your wives and children here—you will all be shot killed or hanged and you will never come back to see your children again. Your wives and children will starve to death here and you will be their murderers. Listen! the sun is just rising slop here on the Reserve where you are I have spoken and told you the truth it is up to you now old men, young men and women who have heard my words to make your decision before it is too late.

No one spoke. They said they would send me a message to the store before noon.

I was very much exhausted and had played my last card and done all I could whatever would be the result I slept for a couple of hours with all my clothes on as I had done for several weeks.

About 10 o'clock a. m. three or four of the head men came to the store and made all kinds of demands on me for grub. They were going to make a big feast and going to have a big talk. I saw the situation at once. I had hit them some place and now could divert their attention from the everlasting council meetings that were in constant session for days and days. I knew they were only trying me. They did not expect my answer at all and then they would have had something to grumble at. I said "Yes sure. I will give you all the grub you want for a big feast and call all the Indians to eat and we will all have a good time." I had them faded and shot the grub out to them telling them it that was not enough I would give them some more. It was only a matter of some extra flour, bacon and tea. The stuff was handed over to the women who began to prepare it for the feast and word was sent to every one to come and eat and bring their own cup with them. The feast lasted all that night and the following day and they displayed some wonderful appetites during that time. I had them where the hair was short and I knew it. Dear reader if ever you have anything to do with wild unruly Indians kindness, firmness, truthfulness and not too much familiarity, lots of grub, tea and tobacco will overcome nearly any difficulty and leave you master of the situation. I proved it to my own satisfaction before this occasion and many times afterwards. Properly applied at the right time I have never known it to be a failure and it certainly had its charm at this critical period of which I write and saved the value of many feasts and the lives of many citizens of the Dominion of Canada in 1885.

The transportation of troops and war supplies was the salvation of all the settlers in the country at that time. Everyone who could raise a team of horses or a yoke of oxen were on the job at ten dollars per day which paid better than any crop that could raise. The climatic conditions improved and the country started a new era and a prosperous career. A few days after the feast news arrived that Baloche was taken, the rebels defeated and Riel taken prisoner and that the war was over. It was only then that I realized the imminent danger that I had successfully passed through and the bottom was completely knocked out of every Indian on the Reserve and I could lead them with a silk thread after that. I also did not fail to rub it in good and plenty to many of the know-alls and hot heads who were so brave a short time before; they were completely subdued and quite tractable ever after. No more trouble with any of them during my time among them.

Riel was captured by Thomas Hourie near Batoche. He was brought to Regina and handed over to the N. W. M. Police by Capt. George Young of the Winnipeg Field Batteries and confined in jail May 23rd 1885. He was sentenced to be hanged for treason at Regina on Sept. 18 1885. The case was appealed to the court of appeal in Manitoba and also to the Privy Council but the judgment was affirmed by both courts and as I have already stated he was hanged at Regina on November 16th 1885 at 8 o'clock a. m. and his body buried at St. Boniface in the French cemetery across the Red River from Winnipeg. There is very little more to be said

by me only that I received through the company the thanks of the Lieut governor accompanied by an official check, which precluded me from making any future claim against the Canadian government for services rendered I also received the thanks of the Hudsons Bay Co for the very able and successful way that I had handled the Indians under my charge and kept them on their reserves

And thus the Riel Rebellion of 1885 passed into history N M W J McKENZIE

Fort William April 30th 1920

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The 250th Anniversary of the Hudson Bay Co in Winnipeg

This celebration was one of the most historical and sucessful events that has ever taken place in Canada in connection with the Hudson's Bay Company whose Governor Sir Robert Kindersley received a warm welcomin and ceaseless ovations from all peoples, kindreds and tongues as well as the most influential and business and financial men of the city and country who assembled to meet and welcome him to the Capital City of Manitoba the great rendezvous of the old timers who all vied with each other to do him honour including Lady Kindersley and their son and daughter who accompanied Sir Robert and shared in all the festivities with great interest and expressed enjoyment Sir Robert is not only the Governor and head of the Hudson's Bay Company but is a men of great financial affairs and recognized premier ability in England and throughout the financial world He is also one of the Governors of the Bank of England and President of many financial enterprises and institutes in London England He has a great and noble personality firm but kind painstaking and just affable and courteous At the staff dinner in the Fort Carry he was cheered to the echo by over one thousand employees to whom he spoke very encouragingly and as one of themselves commending them for their loyalty and faithfulness also paid a high tribute to the boys of the service who went overseas and always sympathy with the friends and relations of the boys who did not return again but gave up their noble lives on Flanders fields He announced that each employee of all the H B Company saleshops in Canada would receive one month's salary to commemorate the celebration of the 250th Anniversary He also intimated that a new pension scheme was being worked out for the Fur Trade which would put those entitled to pensions in a better position than they were in at present financially He also decorated all those present in active service who had fifteen years service or over with gold and silver medals and bars according to seniority A modern up-to-date store is to be erected on Portage Avenue the building to at least cost five millions dollars

The Pageant on the Red River down to the Lower Fort was something to dream about and not likely to be ever seen again Indians from all over the Dominion in their Birch bark canoes and York boats dressed in naturals feathers and paint, representing all the tribes and customs for the past 250 years The banks of the Red River were lined for miles with thousands of admiring and wondering spectators men women and children The landing at the Lower Fort where thousands had congregated was made amidst the booming of cannon in the old orthodox Hudson's Bay style The Governor smoked the pipe of peace which was presented to him as was also many other beautiful presents of Indian work after which he decorated the most deserving Indians with medals and presents of pipes and tobaccos and told them this was the happiest day of his life and would never forget it or them also sent kind messages back with them to the Indians who had not been able to come as far as some of them had come to meet them All the Indians and thousands of others gave him three cheers and a tiger and then some more cheers his reception by the Indians and the people and Press was all that a Prince of the Blood could desire. The following day he spoke at a Canadian Club Luncheon at the Royal Alec to over twelve hundred of the business men and bankers of the city his subject being the financial burden of the Empire and claimed the close attention of every one present, a very able address and very favourably received by those who claim to understand these financial problems In the evening he was the guest of honor at the old timers banquet in the arena of the Board of Trade building where he again made a great impression on

between two and three thousand guests and old timers and received most numerous ovations during his most interesting speech The Lieutenant-Governor Premier of the Province Mayor of the city and all prominent officials were his right and left hand supporters nearly all old timers After dinner and the speeches the Red River jig and many other old time dances were indulged in some verging on 100 years of age participating in the dances of the early settlers During all the celebrations everything was conducted with the greatest informality and true friendship many old timers having come a long way to meet their friends and the Governor many of them realizing that they were meeting and parting for the last time. The Governor and his family left at midnight on the 4th inst to catch their train for Edmonton to continue the celebrations through to Victoria B C

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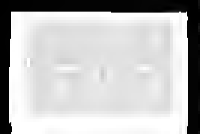

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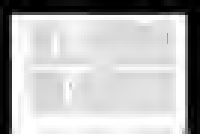
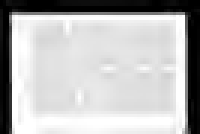
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